

**Francis Mardis**  
***Civil War Paperwork***

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

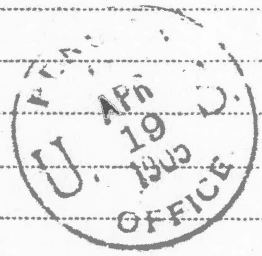
State of Ohio  
County of Tuscarawas } SS:

In the matter of claim for Mary C. Mardis, Widow of  
Francis Mardis, Col. Co. 51<sup>st</sup> Regiment Ohio Infantry  
(Character and number of claim.)  
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)  
aforesaid County and State, Genl. L. Lydick, aged 49 years,  
residing at Newcomerstown, County of Tuscarawas, State  
of Ohio and \_\_\_\_\_, aged  
\_\_\_\_\_ years, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the

aforesaid case as follows: I am an undertaker and  
official in that capacity at the  
funeral of claimant's late husband  
Francis Mardis who died on the  
19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1905 at Newcomerstown  
Ohio



I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of one witness to X mark.)  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant. } Genl. L. Lydick

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Ohio, County of Tuscarawas, ss:

In the matter of

Francis Wardis for Penes  
Claim No 681084 of C & E 37 & 988 Reg. no

ON THIS 11 day of January A. D. 1939; personally appeared before me

as Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths,

Jacob Neighbor aged 44 years, a resident of Oxford Township  
in the County of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I knew while we were on the Atlanta Campaign

[Note.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

that Francis Wardis suffered with the measles but during that time he performed duty but he was more like a dead man doing it than a live one and believe if it had not been for the encouragement of the rest of us Boys believe he would have died and did not expect that he would ever get home and after he got home he was nearly as bad as while in the Army for sometime and I do not consider him since his return from the Army and at the present time consider him able to do more than a full 7 days work. I was

acquainted with him prior to the war & knew him as a stout and able bodied man.

The facts above I know by being a Mesmate while on the Atlanta Campaign & while in Texas & up to time of being discharged at Columbus O & a close Neighbor ever since

H Post Office address is New Comerstown Ohio

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

Jacob Neighbor Jr.

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

(Signature of Affiant(s).)

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS or NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier, (other than relatives) who have known him before his enlistment or since his discharge and return from the army.

State of Ohio, County of Tuscarawas, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of Francis Martin of Co G  
51 Regt's Ohio Infantry Col. Clair No 681084

ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1889; personally appeared before me, a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Daniel D Steerson aged 46 years, a resident of Newtownstown

in the County of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio

whose Post Office address is Newtownstown Ohio and

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_

whose Post Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That I have been well and personally acquainted with Francis Martin

for 28 years, and \_\_\_\_\_ years respectively, and that I was personally

acquainted with him from 1855 to 1859

having lived a near neighbor to him and

during that time knew him to be hearty

& stout boy having never heard him complain

of any disease or trouble & in 1859 I left the

town & did not return until 1865 and

since that time have lived a near neighbor

and intimately acquainted with him ever

since having seen him almost daily

since and conversed with him almost

daily and heard him complain frequently

of having a diarrhoea and feeling 'so bad

and his nerves being, bad and feeling so

weak that he was not <sup>able</sup> to work'

And from what I have seen and know

I do not think that he is able to do

more than 1/2 days work of an able bodied

man

### Instructions—read carefully.

The witnesses must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and in what year or years of the said period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him, and how near to him.

2d. If they knew him before his enlistment what his physical condition was at that time, and that he was then sound and free from disability, and especially free from the diseases for which he claims pension.

3d. If they have employed or worked with him since his return from the army, they should state where it was, and at what business, or if they have known him as neighbors only, they should state about what distance from him they lived; how frequently, on an average, each week.

4th. If they have conversed with him, and how intimate they were with him during this time, and from what disease or disability he has suffered during all the time they employed him, worked with him, or lived near him, and how severely; whether at any time during this period he was obliged to stop work, was confined to his bed or house, or was wholly unable to do any manual labor because of his alleged disabilities, and give dates as near as recollected when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he was able to do—whether 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, or as the case may have been; what his actual earnings were, and whether or not the wages paid him were less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability.

5th. If they have known others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities have been and are now, and they should describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully during each year of their acquaintance with him.

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# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS or NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier, (other than relatives) who have known him before his enlistment, or since his discharge and return from the army.

State of Ohio, County of Tuscarawas, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of Francis Mardis Co G  
87 Regt Ohio Vol. Claim No 681084

ON THIS 16 day of March A. D. 1889; personally appeared before me, a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths  
Geo R Lewis aged 49 years, a resident of Newcomerstown

in the County of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio

whose Post Office address is Newcomerstown Ohio and

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_

whose Post Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That I have been well and personally acquainted with Francis Mardis

for 35 years, and \_\_\_\_\_ years respectively, and that I have been personally

acquainted with him ever since we were

Boys having lived in the same neighborhood

previous to his enlistment I never knew any

thing to be the matter with him and considered

him a sound and healthy Boy

and since his return from the army I

have been his nearest neighbor and have

been a particular and intimate friend I

think <sup>hardly</sup> to say during this time but what

I have seen him and conversed with him

& during a part of this time occupied his

shop as an office, and I find him to be

a different man. Primarily since his return

from the army to what it was before he

enlisted and he was always <sup>complaining</sup> of having a

diarrhoea and being nervous & having weak spots

or of feeling <sup>from the effect</sup> weak. He has not been

able to work at any time from his alleged disabilities

that I know of but knew him to come to

his shop to try to work when he did not

look as though he was able to work & in

my opinion he was not able to work

but having a family to support from his

labor & being <sup>somewhat</sup> indebted for his <sup>support</sup> I think induced

him or rather compelled him to work when

he in reality he was not able to or should

not have been at work

U.M.A.F. 25 1889  
OF PENSIONS

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2d. If they knew him before his enlistment what his physical condition was at that time, and that he was then sound and free from disability, and especially free from the diseases for which he claims pension.  
3d. If they have employed or worked with him since his return from the army, they should state where it was, and at what business, or if they have known him as neighbors only, they should state about what distance from him they lived; how frequently, on \_\_\_\_\_ each week, month, or year, they saw him and conversed with him, and how intimate they were with him during this time, and from what disability he has \_\_\_\_\_  
4th. If they have employed him, worked with him, or lived near him, and how severely; whether at any time during this period he was obliged to stop work, was confined to his bed or house, or was wholly unable to do any manual labor because of his alleged disabilities, and give dates as near as recollection when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he was able to do—whether  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , or as the case may have been; what his actual earnings were, and whether or not the wages paid him were less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor, than were paid to others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities have been and are now, and they should describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully during each year of their acquaintance with him.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

CERT. NO. 602228

PENSIONER:

Mary C. Mardin

Widow OF

VETERAN:

Francis Mardin

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PENSIONER DROPPED.

United States Pension Agency,  
Columbus, - Ohio

MAY 9 1905, 190

Certificate No. 460367

Class INVALID

Pensioner Francis Mardis  
General Law.

Soldier

Service 6510

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the  
above-named pensioner who was last paid  
at \$ 17, to 4 Dec 904  
has been dropped because of information  
from Pm @ Newcomerstown  
that pensioner died  
19 Feb 05

Very respectfully,

Finance Division,  
MAY 11 1905  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
United States Pension Agent.

NOTE. - Every name dropped to be thus reported at once,  
and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death  
when known.

PENSIONER DROPPED.

United States Pension Agency,

Columbus, Ohio.

MAY 24 1907, 190

Certificate No. 602228

Class Widow.

Pensioner Mary E. Mardis

Soldier Francis Mardis

Service Co 51 O.V.S.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the above-named pensioner who was last paid at \$ 8- , to 4 Dec , 1906

has been dropped because of

information that pensioner died 29 Dec 1906

ACT JUNE 27 '90

Very respectfully,

W. R. Warnock

United States Pension Agent.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death when known.



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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington March 12, 1889.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.  
Francis Mardis, a Private of Company C.

51st Regiment Ohio Volunteers, was enrolled on the 15th day of February, 1864, at Ulrichsville, Ohio (3 yrs) and is reported on rolls of Co. from enrollment to Aug 31, 1865, present. Muster-out roll, dated Victoria, Texas, Oct. 3, '65, reports him mustered out that place and date.

Name Francis Mardis not borne on rolls of Co. G, 88th Ohio Vols.

J.H.S.  
R.H.S.

Co. Morning Reports Jan'y. 3, '65 show him "absent on furlough for 20 days."

Enlistment paper of 51st Ohio does not show prior service.

Records Department of The Cumberland show him furloughed Jan'y 24/65 for 20 days. Sickness in family.

M.S.H.  
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Records of this Office furnish no evidence of alleged disability.

R. C. DRUM,  
Adjutant General

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War Department,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, AUG 29 1889, 188

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Francis Warden, a private of Company "F",  
 86<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Infantry, Volunteers, was enrolled on the  
 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1862, at Newcomertown,  
 for ~~3~~ <sup>one</sup> year, and is reported upon company  
 muster-out roll, only roll on file,  
 present & mustered out with company  
 at Camp Chase, Ohio, Sept. 26, 62.  
 Returns June, July, & Aug 62 do not  
 show him absent. No further information  
 A.C. records of company on file

By authority of the Secretary of War.

F. C. Amosworth

Capt. and Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

Per *[Signature]*

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or any officer competent to administer oaths who has a Seal.

State of Ohio, County of Tuscarawas, ss:

On this 17th day of April, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and five, personally appeared before me, J. H. Fryer

a Notary Public within and for the county and State

aforsaid Mary C. Mardis, aged 61 years, a resident of

the Village of Newcomertown, county of Tuscarawas, State of Ohio

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow

of Francis Mardis, who enlisted under the name of Francis Mardis

at Newcomertown, on the 16th day of February

A. D. 1864, in Private Co. E. 51st Regiment Ohio

Volunteer Infantry (Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in Military service, or vessel, if in Navy.)

and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

and died February 19th 1905 (The cause of death need not be stated.)

That she was married under the name of Mary C. Stitt, to said

Francis Mardis, on the 25th day of May

1863, by James Brown, at Newcomertown Ohio

there being no legal barrier to said marriage. (If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and

how dissolved.)

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Francis Mardis (Name of soldier or sailor.)

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor. That names and dates of birth of all the

children now living under sixteen years of age, of the soldier are as follows:

Mary M., born April 8, 1890, born, 18

, born, 18, born, 18

, born, 18, born, 18

, born, 18, born, 18

That she has heretofore applied for pension and the number of her former application is

That she makes this (Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.)

declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the

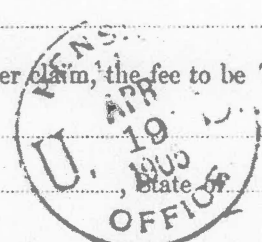
Act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation,

of State of

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS as prescribed by law. That

her post-office address is, County of



State of

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS as prescribed by law. That

her post-office address is, County of

State of

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS as prescribed by law. That

her post-office address is, County of

State of

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS as prescribed by law. That

Mary C. Mardis (Claimant's signature.)

Fredore D. Neighbor

J. V. Kennedy

(Two witnesses who write sign here.)

# Declaration for an Original Invalid Pension

This must be Executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having Custody of the Seal.

State of Ohio, County of Juscarawas, ss:

ON THIS 14 day of February A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty 9

personally appeared before me Francis Mardis of the Juscarawas a Court

of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid Francis Mardis

aged 46 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical

Person who was ENROLLED as a Private on the 15 day of

February, 1864, in Company C of the 51<sup>st</sup> regiment of Ohio

commanded by Phillip Everhart and was honorably DISCHARGED at

Victoria Texas on the 3 day of Sept, 1865 That his

personal description is as follows: Age 21 years; height 5 feet 7 inches; complexion Light

hair Red; eyes Blue. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the

service and in the line of duty at \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_

(Here state the name or nature of disease, or the location of wound or injury. If disabled by disease, state fully its cause; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.)

I Contracted Diarrhoea while on the Atlanta

Campaign and continued on me all through the

Service and grew worse on me in Texas and after

I got home since that time I have Stomach

Trouble and Nervous weakness and a Jerking and

Twitching in my Stomach and more or less Pain and a

burning under my Shoulder Blades and on Taking a

drink of Cold water or Eating sometimes causing burning

under my Shoulder Blades and a costive habit and lung

Trouble and Cough and a smothering sensation and

most always worse on laying down at night on

going to sleep

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

(Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates of treatment.)

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above \_\_\_\_\_

(Here state what the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above and the dates at which it began and ended.)

That he has not been in the military or naval service of the United States since the 3 day of Oct 1865

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the vicinity of Newcomertown

in the State of Ohio, and that his occupation has been that of a Shoemaker

That prior to his entry into the service above-named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a

Strong & hearty man That he is now Partially disabled

from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of

the United States: and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid

pension roll of the United States. He hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation,

A. G. Parker of Lodwollades Ohio

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has never received has applied for

a pension; that his residence is No. 681 684 street

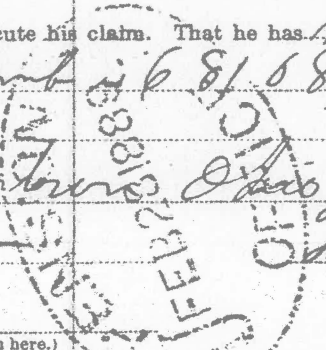
\_\_\_\_\_ and that his post office address is

New Comertown Ohio

E. H. Aver Francis Mardis

W. Lester (Signature of Claimant)

(Two witnesses who can write sign here.)



Widow's Application for Accrued Pension

State of Ohio, County of Tuscarawas ss:

On this 17th day of April, 1905, personally appeared Mary C. Mardin, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of Francis Mardin, deceased; that he died on the 19th day of Feb., 1905; that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. 460367

which is herewith returned (or if not, state why not); that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at Columbus up to the 4th day of December, 1904 after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine service of the United States, except; that she was married to the said Francis Mardin on the 28th day of May, 1863, at Newcomerstown, in the State of Ohio; that her name before said marriage was Mary C. Stitt; that she had (or had not) been previously married; that her husband had (or had not) been previously married; that she hereby makes application for the pension which has accrued on aforesaid certificate to the date of death.

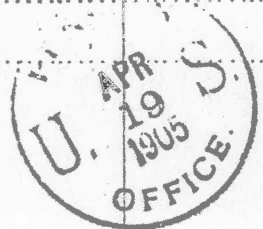
That she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

Herself of Newcomerstown Ohio her true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim, the fee to be \$0.00 as prescribed by law.

That her residence is No. street, City of Newcomerstown, County of Tuscarawas, State of Ohio, and her postoffice address is Newcomerstown, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Mary C. Mardin (Widow's Signature)

Also personally appeared Theodore D. Neighbor, residing at Newcomerstown Ohio, and J. V. Kennedy, residing at Newcomerstown Ohio, who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Mary C. Mardin sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they know her to be the lawful widow of Francis Mardin, who died on the 19th day of February, 1905; and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on the said date, are as follows:



Theodore D. Neighbor, J. V. Kennedy (Signatures of Witnesses)

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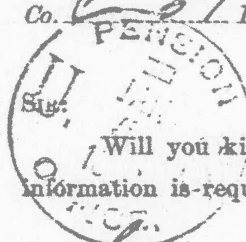
Middle Div.  
of Ref. No. 460,967  
Francis Mardis

H. E. F., Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,

Co. C-51 Reg't 4th Vol. Inf. BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1897



Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

Francis Mardis  
Newcomertown, Ohio  
Commissioner.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: Mary Catherine Stitts now Mary Catherine Mardis

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: May 18 1868

By Rev James Brown pastor of M F church

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: by a legal license

in issued in Tuscarawas Co Ohio

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce. Answer:

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer:

Frances born October 26 1864

Altha born Sept 22 1867 John born Jan 20 1869

Annie B born July 3 1871 Philena born July 18 1877

Philip born June 27 1880 Edith born July 7 1884

Mary April 8 1890

Annie died March 6 1896

Date of reply, Jan 3, 1898

Francis Mardis  
(Signature.)

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Certificate No. 460367  
Name, Francis Mardis

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

*McClay Grand*  
Commissioner.

*W. C. Fazio,*

*U. S. Pension Agent,*

*Columbus, Ohio.*

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. *Mary Catherine Stitts now Mardis*

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. *May 28 1863 by curried James Brown*

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. *by license record in Tuscarawas Co Ohio*

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. *have not bin*

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. *eight children born Francis Mardis born Oct 29 1864  
Alth born Sept 18 1867 John born Jan 20 1869 Annie born July 3 1871  
Jena born July 18 1877 Philip born June 27 1880  
Edith born July 7 1884 Mary born April 8 1890 Francis Mardis*

Date of reply, \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_

(Signature.)

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*Annie died March 9 1896  
Newcomerstown Tuscarawas Co Ohio*

The State of Ohio, } ss  
Tuscarawas County,

No 9574

I Certify that I have this day Solemnized the Marriage of

Francis Mardis with Mary L. Stitt

Witness my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Mar 1863

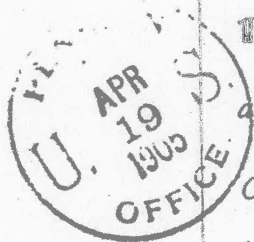
Jas. Brown  
Minister

The State of Ohio, } ss.  
Tuscarawas County,

M. V. Ream

Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of said Court, of the certificate of the marriage of

Francis Mardis with Mary L. Stitt



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at New Philadelphia,

Ohio, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1905

M. V. Ream, Probate Judge.