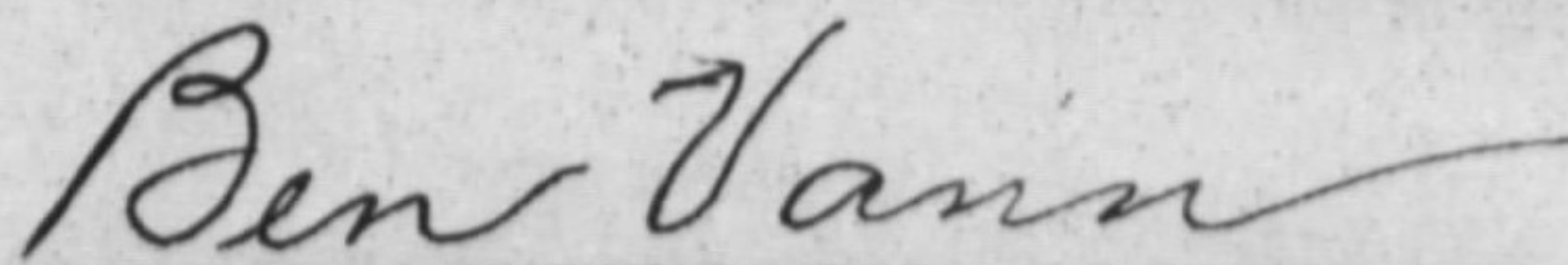
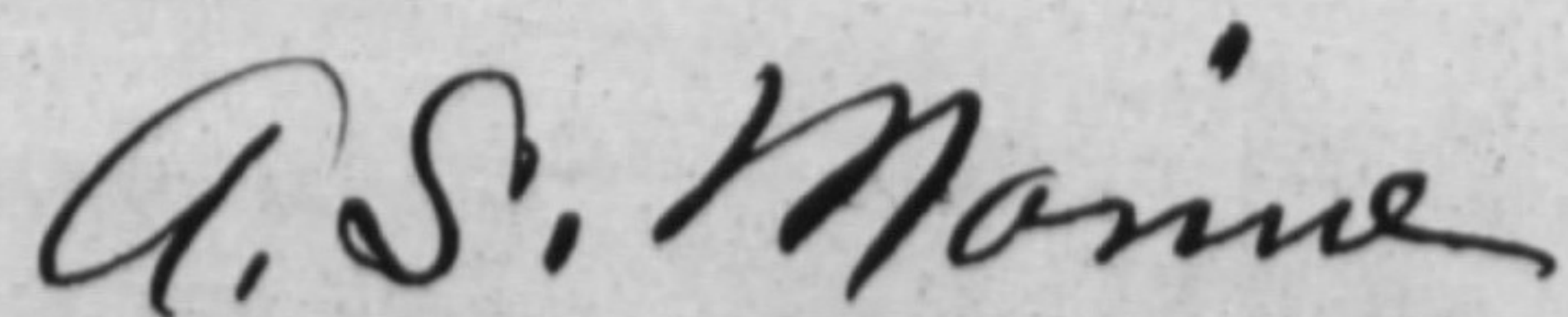


Benjamin Vann, ----- being duly sworn deposes and says:

My name is Benjamin Vann. I am 50 years old. I live in this District, or Rogers Co., Okla. I lived in Tulsa before coming here. I also lived in Saline District. I was enrolled by the Dawes Commission, Freedman Roll #3201. I was not a slave. I enrolled as a freedman from choice. I said I would go the way the rest went. My mother was not a slave. She was part colored and Indian. My father was a slave but he was set free before I was born. He was free before the war. His master told him if he stayed with his old mistress till her death he would be set free, which he was. I enrolled for the strip money but did not get it, as they would not give it to me unless I paid \$5.00. to get in the building. I got in the building and just as I got to the table they dismissed, so I never got the money. They scratched my name out and put a woman's name in. They would not let me even get my wife and childrens money, so I had to go to Fort Gibson. I got in the next day, and saw them scratch out my name. My sisters and brothers went on the Freedman Roll. My mother was Katie Fields and Katie Vann. She lived in Saline District. She died in 1891. She was enrolled for the bread and strip money. She was living in 1851 and I think she was enrolled at that time. She got her blood from her father, Rider Fields. He lived in Saline District, Locust Grove. I don't know whether he was enrolled in 1851 or 1855. His sisters were Ruthie, & Betty Fields. Ruthie married a Ballard and afterwards a Ross. Betty married a Springston. Richard Fields was my grandfather. I do not know any brothers and sisters. My mother never had any brothers and sisters to my knowledge. My oldest sister is named Tiney Vann. She left before the war. The next was Chick Vann, Martha Vann, and then myself, another sister called Sallie, a brother, Willie; Ruthie and Janey, were the youngest.


Signature of witness.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Claremore,
Oklahoma, this 1st day of September, 1908.


Ass't to Special Commissioner of the Court of Claims.