

DEPOSITION *A*

Case of Florence Anderson, Min. Orig., No. 933,300

On this 17th day of July, 1911, at
Baltimore, county of _____
 State of Md., before me, L.S. Perkins, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Florence Jones, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

1 I am in my 31st year; p.o. address No. 910 Hillman street, Baltimore
 2 ore, Md.; am the wife of Albert Jones, a hotel waiter, but we
 3 are not living together now.

4 Myself and my brother, Odie Anderson (my maiden name was Flor-
 5 ence Anderson) applied for pension as the minor children of James
 6 Anderson, a colored soldier. My mother, Amelia Anderson, who died
 7 about fifteen years ago, had applied for widow's pension some
 8 years before her death. Her claim was allowed, and was paid to
 9 me and my brother, Odae Anderson, some time last February, amount-
 10 ing to \$672.

11 Charles L. Skinner, a white attorney whose office is at No. 204
 12 Courtland street in this city, was connected with this claim in
 13 some way, and he told me and my married sister, Birdie Carter, before
 14 the claim was allowed, that he expected us to give him one-third of
 15 the amount for his work in the case. I did not promise to give
 16 him anything. In fact, I was afraid of him, for he had made an im-
 17 proper proposal to me one day while I was in his office; tried to
 18 induce me to meet him at the house of a certain woman on Courtland
 19 street. After that, I never went to his office, but he continued
 20 to write letters to me asking for money, but stating no particular
 21 amount.

22 Since our claim was allowed, I have received several letters
 23 from Charles L. Skinner, demanding pay for work which he said he
 24 had done in my claim. I have not replied to these letters except
 25 once, some time last June, when I wrote and asked him to state an
 26 account, so that I might know what his bill was. That same month,
 27 (June, 1911) I received a letter from him, dated June 13th, and
 28 with that letter, written in pencil, was an itemized statement of
 29 what he claimed I owed him for work in my pension claim. Since