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(For typewriter.)

Case of MARY E. CORNISH

No. 1121801.

On this 17 day of September, 1920 at Cape May,  
 county of Cape May, State of New Jersey before me,  
 Frank J. Bain, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,  
 personally appeared Elizabeth T. Stevens, 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:

I am 52 years old. My residence and postoffice  
 address is 735 Washington Street, Cape May, N. J. I am  
 the wife of Thomas S. Stevens.

I well remember a colored woman named Mary E. Cornish. She entered my employ as a cook in 1912, in Cape May, N. J., and was in my employ for more than a year. She was from Baltimore, Md., and represented herself to be a widow. She said that her husband had been a man much older than herself. She was drawing a pension for some children while she was here. One of her children, Hirschel, died here and I loaned her the money to pay the expenses of the burial of the child, amounting to about \$50. The claimant left here for the purpose of going to Baltimore for the alleged purpose of obtaining certain insurance money on the life of the child and promised to return and repay the amount we had loaned her. She left her daughter, Thelma L. Cornish, with us, the child being then about 10 years old. The claimant never returned for the child and would not answer letters written to her. I raised this child until she was sixteen years old.

I know nothing against the morals of the claimant, but I regard as her unreliable. She did not make her home in my house but lived with the family of a colored Baptist Preacher named Matthews. She was very active in the Church here and I think she must have lived pretty straight or she could not have gotten the confidence of the people as she did. I have read the foregoing and it is correct.

*Elizabeth T. Stevens*  
 Deponent.

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