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(For typewriter.)

Case of Mary E. Cornish

No. 1121801

On this 30 day of July, 1920, at Baltimore county of Baltimore City, State of Maryland before me, W.H. Stovall, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Laura Gaines, 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 45 years old, occupation housekeeper, and post office address 824 Stirling st, Baltimore Md. I am the wife of George Gaines, porter. I have known Mary E Cornish about five years as she moved into my street four doors from me at that time and we have been neighbors ever since. She moved from off Madison street. I cannot give the precise date I made her acquaintance but feel certain it was very close to five years ago this summer. Mary has worked out as a laundress and at cooking in Roland Park and been supported in that manner. I have not known her to rent any rooms. She has not married since I have known her and borne only the name of Mary Cornish. Mrs. Cornish is a nice hard working woman and a great church worker. She lives only with her daughter Thelma. Thelma is a nice girl and works at John Hopkins Hospital. I see Mrs Cornish two and three times per week or whenever she goes home from her working place in Roland Park. Before she went out there to work she did laundering at home and came into my house very often to get a lunch. I serve lunches or did so before prices became so high. I know this: Mary Cornish has lived with no man as his housekeeper or mistress since I have known her oh no indeed sir she has not. She is not that kind of a woman. I never knew her prior to about five years ago. I am not related to claimant, and I have no financial interest in this case. Have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

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