She has lived in Stirling street between three and four years and before that she lived in Harford avenue near Monument street, she was then directly across the street from my house, and before that she was in Cape May N J with her baby child. Mary is a respectable woman and not the kind that runs after men. I have been in this business for thirty years and never knew a straighter woman than Mary Cornish. I never knew much about her husband. I see Mary Cornish every week more or less and she is a regular attendant upon the services of our church.

I am not related to claimant, and I have no financial interest in this case. Before claimant joined my church I saw her frequently as we lived across the street from each other in Harford avenue for several years, or more than a year anyway, though I kept no account of the exact length of time. I feel sure that I have been in a position to know her manner of living since the death of her husband Joseph Cornish and she has been only with her children or the white family by whom she was employed. Never in my life ~~has a man~~ (erased) have I seen a man associating with Mrs Cornish under circumstances which seemed to be suspicious. She has been supported since the death of her husband by her daily labor at washing and ironing and as a cook, and she has rented rooms to people. At least I know of one old man she had to put out of her house for not paying his room rent out there in Harford avenue and I forget his name, cant say whether it was one Jackson, and she did not live with him as his mistress I am positive. That fellow was ageable. And she put old man Groome out of her house for the same reason and he tried to borrow money from me. Mrs Cornish has no rooms rented at present.

I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct. "Single" erased and "a widow" interlined in line 16 before signing this deposition.

Thomas Abernathy
Deponent.

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