

Case of Alice Barker

No. 556,156

On this 27 day of August, 1917, at Baltimore
 county of Baltimore City, State of Maryland before me,
 W. H. Stovall, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,
 personally appeared Alice Barker, 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 dont know my age, believe I was 51 when Adam Barker died,
 and my address is 750 Sarah Ann St, Baltimore Md.

I claim pension as the widow of Adam Barker who was a soldier
 though I dont know his regiment and have had a heap of trou-
 ble since he died, and have gotten a support by taking in
 washing and ironing and depending on good white friends.

I have lived right here in this street for forty years but at
 different numbers as it was easier to move than to pay rent.

I have not remarried since the death of Adam Barker. I was
 married to him but it was too long ago to remember the name
 of the preacher who married us: Adam was both a father and
 a mother to me, and I had fourteen head of children by him, had
 twins twice, and he and I were never divorced or separated. I
 was not previously married, was a young girl when I commenced
 living with Adam, and he was not previously married either.

I have borne the name of Alice Barker since his death, ask
 my neighbors about my doings if you dont believe me.

I have no family record to show the date of my birth; had a
 bible my mother kept but a brother in law took it and he is
 dead and I dont know what he did with the book. I am old
 and not able to do much work, some days I lay down all in a
 heap and give up. Not a soul lives with me in this house, my

children are across town from me. My parents were George W
 Scott and Mary Scott, both dead, and I have had ~~no~~ sisters
 but no brothers, and all my people are dead: they lived when

I was a child in Sharp Street, Baltimore, but I cant give the