

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION C.

Case of Alice Barker, No. 556,156

On this 5th day of April, 1898, at
 Balto. City - County of _____
 State of Md., before me, Jere. Connolly, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Eliza
 Burko, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 59; occupation

house-keeper. P.O. address, No. 202
 Whitey Alley, Balto. City, Md.

I have known claimant for
 about 25 years, visiting occasionally and being neighbors
 part of the time; I was not ac-
 quainted with her until Eliza
 Barker returned from the army.
 I knew him since he was about
 eight years old; when I met them
 after the war they lived together
 as man and wife and told me
 they had lived together before he en-
 listed and that she had one child
 born soon after he enlisted; neither of
 them were ever slaves; both were
 free-born; I am sure of that and
 that their living together was not
 according to slave custom; neither
 of them ever lived or co-habited with
 any other person; upon the advice of
 friends they were legally married
 so I understood from them, Sept.
 10, 1891; I wasn't present at the
 marriage and don't know who
 performed the ceremony; soldier
 died last June; I can't give exact

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