

DEPOSITION

Case of Annis Hales widow, No. 1022404

On this 8th day of December, 1913, at Washington, country of _____ State of DC, before me, AW Poore, a

Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Mrs Mary Dorsey, 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:

1 my age about 60 years. I am a widow. Keep a boarding house at 1425
2 Concoran St. N.W. - I am not a pensioner. I have known Annis Hales
3 ever since my childhood. She is my Aunt. I have been intimate with
4 her and in the habit of seeing her several times each week until she
5 married William Hales and I know that up to that time that
6 she had not been married nor lived with any man as his wife.
7 Had she been previously married I surely would have known
8 of it - I was present in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church on M St
9 this City on Oct 10, 1876 when the Rev. Thompson (decd) married
10 Annis Howard to William Hales. Right after their marriage
11 they went to Baltimore Md and they continued to live there until
12 he died. I often visited them at their home in that City and I never
13 heard that they were divorced or had applied for a divorce from
14 each other. No, they had no children. I was not present at his
15 death or his funeral. No since her late husband's death she
16 has not remarried nor has she lived with any man as his wife.
17 I knew her husband, William Hales for 4 or 5 years before
18 he married Annis and when he married her, he was a
19 single man. I never heard that he had been previously
20 married - He has often told me that he was a pensioner. But did
21 not tell me his service. Annis Hales is a very poor woman and
22 she supports herself by working out in service as a cook. She owns no
23 property either real or personal and there is no one that is bound to
24 support her. I have no interest in her claim. I have heard
25 the foregoing read and it is correct.

26 Charles H Dorsey } Mary ^{her} Dorsey
27 no other witnesses available } mark

28 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of December 1913.
29 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing AW Poore Special Examiner

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