

3-289.
(Old No. 3-446.)DEPOSITION *D.*Case of *Elizabeth C. Rosier*, No. *735.594*.

On this *twelfth* day of *May*, 190*2*, at
Baltimore City, county of _____
State of *Maryland*, before me, *Edw Howard*, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

John Wesley Martin, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *64* years of age, my occupation
is that of a *Cool, Wood and Ice dealer* and
my place of residence is *580 Biddle Street (West)*.

I have known the claimant *Mr Rosier* since
about *1886*, when I made her husband's
acquaintance - he was my class leader in the
Church. I know they lived together as man
and wife, I occasionally visited them - I never
heard any intimation that either the soldier
or *Mr Rosier* had ever been previously married,
and I know that she lived with him up to
the day of his death - I visited him on the
morning of the day of his death and *Mr*
Rosier was there as his wife attending to him.
Since soldier's death *Jan'y 31, 1901*. I am sure
Mr Rosier has remained a widow and has
not remarried - I am quite sure she has not
lived or cohabited with any man since her
husband's death.

As to the name of the soldier, he was illiterate
to a great extent, and did not sound his letters
or words properly, he used to call himself *Elber*
short, the proper name was *Elbert* but people
called him *Elby* - few of our people went by
their right names back in those times.

When the soldier died he left his wife
a house, but I think the ground did not
belong to him and he had to pay rent for it
and I believe there was an incumbrance on it.