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DEPOSITION BCase of Margaret Chambers W.O. No. 937,042

On this 23 day of September, 1900, at
Baltimore, county of _____
 State of Md., before me, L.S. Perkins, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Christina Clark., 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 I am in my 59th year; p.o. address No. 1125 Argyle ave., Bal-
 2 timore, Md.; keep house for my children; ~~am~~ the widow of Perry
 3 Clark.

4 Margaret Chambers is my sister; our maiden name was Burnett.
 5 We were raised together in Somerset Co., Md., near Crisfield.
 6 We came to Baltimore not long after the close of the civil war.
 7 Margaret married George Chambers in this city, but I cannot state
 8 the year. I was not present at their marriage, but saw them liv-
 9 ing together as man and wife in this city after their reported
 10 marriage. They had six children, of whom only one, Ada, is known to
 11 survive.

12 I did not know George Chambers before he began calling on my
 13 sister Margaret, but I know that he then claimed to be an unmarried
 14 man, and I never heard anything to the contrary. I know my sister
 15 Margaret was never married before she was married to George Cham-
 16 bers. I can testify to this from my own personal knowledge, for
 17 I had been with her from my childhood.

18 My sister Margaret lost her mind; two of her children died within
 19 a short time of each other, and her husband, George Chambers, be-
 20 gan running after a young colored woman named Alice Rivers. These
 21 troubles helped to break down Margaret's mind. Chambers put Mar-
 22 garet out of doors, and tried to get a divorce from her, but I
 23 heard that he failed in that.

24 No, my sister Margaret never applied for a divorce; I am sure of
 25 that. Very soon after Margaret was sent to the asylum, Chambers
 26 began living with Alice. It was currently reported that Alice was
 27 about to give birth to a child, of whom George Chambers was the
 28 father, before my sister Margaret was taken to the asylum.
 29 Chambers got rid of Margaret and pitched her out in the street
 on account of this woman Alice.

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