

DEPOSITION *C*

Case of Eliza J. Nicholson Wid. Orig., No. 955,385

On this 4th day of March, 1912, at  
Baltimore, county of \_\_\_\_\_  
 State of Md., before me, L.S. Perkins, a  
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared  
Samuel T. Gray, 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:

1 I am in my 64th year; p.o. address No. 707 Tessier street, Balti-  
 2 more, Md.; am a hod-carrier.

3 I have been acquainted with Eliza Jane Nicholson, the claimant  
 4 here present, for the past thirty years, or ever since she became the  
 5 the wife of Benjamin Nicholson. I did not see them married, but  
 6 often saw them as they were living together as man and wife. They  
 7 separated a good many years ago; I do not know the reason therefore;  
 8 never heard that they were divorced from each other. Eliza has  
 9 lived uprightly ever since I knew her.

10 I knew Benjamin Nicholson from my childhood up; knew him when AI  
 11 was a little fellow at Mount Gilbert, Baltimore Co., Md. His first  
 12 wife, Rebecca Pelton, was my mother's sister. He had several child-  
 13 ren by Rebecca. She died. She married him before the civil war.  
 14 She died here in Baltimore, and was buried in Laurel Cemetery, over  
 15 forty years ago, but I cannot state the year. Ben remained a wid-  
 16 over for awhile, and then married a woman with whom I was not ac-  
 17 quainted. She died here in Baltimore, but I do not know where she  
 18 was buried, nor the year of her death, but I know that Annie was  
 19 dead before Ben. married Eliza J. I was in Philadelphia when the  
 20 wife Annie died, and I did not know Eliza till afterward, but I  
 21 know from what my mother told me, that Annie was dead before Ben.  
 22 married Eliza J. Yes, I know positively that my aunt Rebecca was  
 23 dead, and had been gone for years, when Ben. married this claimant.

24 I am not related nor interested. I have heard you read the  
 25 above; have understood your questions, and my answers are correctly  
 26 recorded.

27  
 28 *Samuel T. Gray*  
 29