

DEPOSITION E

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.P.Perkins, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Mary L. Anderson, 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 47th year; p.o. address No. 1106 north Carey street,
 2 Baltimore, Md.; am the wife of Caleb D. Anderson, a waiter; make
 3 dresses and cook.

4 The deceased soldier, Benjamin Nicholson, was my father; my
 5 mother was Rebecca Pelton, his first wife. She died when I was in
 6 my fifth year, so that I have almost no recollection of her. I rem-
 7 member, however, that my father remarried, and that the woman's
 8 name was Annie Wallace. I lived with them. She died when I was
 9 ten or twelve years old. I was old enough to attend the funeral
 10 and did so. She was buried by an undertaker named William A. Gray
 11 who has himself since died. My father remained a widower about
 12 a year after the death of Annie, and then married Eliza J. Gibson,
 13 the claimant here present. I was present at their marriage, which
 14 took place at the residence of Bishop James A. Handy on Druid Hill
 15 avenue in this city; I don't know the date, but it was in the month
 16 of September. I believe now that I was sixteen or seventeen
 17 years old when my father married this claimant. I think now that
 18 his wife Annie died about 1881 and that he married Eliza in the fol-
 19 lowing year. I know personally and positively that both my father's
 20 former wives were dead before he married this claimant.

21 My father and this claimant were separated for a number of years.
 22 I don't know whose fault it was. No, there was no divorce between
 23 them. No, she was not untrue to him, so far as I know or ever heard
 24 They went back together for a few weeks before he died, and she was
 25 with him when he died, which was about a year ago. She has not
 26 since remarried nor cohabited with any man.

27 I am related only by marriage to this claimant, and have no in-
 28 terest in her claim.
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