

DEPOSITION F

Case of Eliza J. Nicholson Wid. Orig., No. 955,384

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 Francis A. Spriggs, 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 about 64 years of age; p.o.address No. 1020 Druid Hill ave.,  
2 Baltimore, Md.; am the wife of Andrew A. Spriggs, a whitewasher.

3 I have known Eliza Jane Nicholson, here present, all my life;  
4 we were raised near each other in this city. I knew her when she  
5 was a little girl. She boarded with my mother and played with me  
6 when I was a baby. She was then Eliza Jane Gibson. I never keew  
7 her father, but was well acquainted with her mother, Jane Gibson, a  
8 good old soul.

9 Eliza Jane Gibson, who is identically the same woman who is  
10 the claimant here present, never had any husband but Ben. Nichol-  
11 son. I did not see them married, neversaw them living together as  
12 man and wife; never saw Benjamin Nicholson; I heard of her separa-  
13 tion fram him, but know nothing of the particulars.

14 I never knew Eliza to live with any man except Ben. Nicholson,  
15 but when she was quite young she had a baby by some black man; I  
16 never saw him nor deard his name. I saw the child, which was a lit-  
17 tle girl, nicknamed "Brownie." It died very young. If Eliza had  
18 been married to the father of that child, I would have known of it.

19 The claimant Eliza has always borne a good reputation for chas-  
20 tity and upright living.

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

24 Attest: *May J. Anderson*, *Francis A. Spriggs*  
25 *her*  
26 *made*

(I swear over)