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Case of *Eliza Ross*, No. 659.012

On this 23 day of Feb., 1898, at *St. Louis*, county of *St. Louis*, State of *Mo.*, before me, *N. N. Hill*, a

special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Maria Cronner*, 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: That her age is 38 years; post-office address, 19 Clay St. *St. Louis*, Mo.; occupation, I am the wife of *Frank Cronner*, but I am separated from my husband. I am the daughter of *John Ross*, and my mother's maiden name was *Ellen Taylor*. My father was a clerk for *and* *Henry* to *Stephen* *Barr* who lived at the head of *Deming* street about 12 miles from here. I do not know the names of their first wives. I think they cannot read from this place. My mother was not a slave or she always told me. I heard that my mother and father were married by *Deagan* *John* *son* *a* *Colonel* *Frederick* *son* *dead*. I do not know of any one now living who was present at the marriage. I do not know whether there is any record of the marriage, file or other record. I think my Aunt *Maria* *Frank*, now living at *Bonnie*, would know about this marriage. My mother and father separated from an *Ann* *Frederick* about 1870, but I cannot tell the date. They were not divorced that I know of. I do not know the names of the children of the separation.

That my father was running about with other women. I do not know whether my father ever married *Eliza* *Ross*. They lived together for sometime after before they went to *Baltimore*, and while my mother was living. My father and mother had four children - three are now living. My father *Frank* *Ross* was white-washing one way but during *Baltimore* when he became a *convict*.