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DEPOSITION *G*Case of *Eliza Ross*, No. *659,012*

On this *23* day of *Feb.*, 1898, at
Annapolis, county of *Anne Arundel*
 State of *Md.*, before me, *N-N. Hill*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared.

Martha Blackstone^{*Colored*}, 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 *54* years; post-office address, *76 Clay St Annapolis*
Md.; occupation, I am the wife
 of *James Blackstone* and the sister of *Joseph*
Ross. I know that *Ellen Tyler* was his first wife
 and that he was never divorced from her. I knew
Eliza Ross, but do not know whether my brother
 married her or not - they lived together here in
Annapolis a short time then went to *Baltimore*
 where he died. I am not able to direct you
 to any one who knows positively that *Joseph Ross* and
Ellen Tyler were legally married. They separated
 here in town and *Joseph* went to live with *Eliza*
Bush. I do not know whether *Eliza* was married
 to *Bush*. I do not know who married *Ellen*
Tyler and *Joseph Ross*. *Joseph* was a slave of *Stephen*
Baird who lived up on the *Severn river*. *Ellen*
Tyler was a free woman. *Jacob Ross*, a son
 of *Joseph* and *Ellen* lives in *Baltimore*, in *Vincent*
Alley, at no 22 or 23. *Sarah Ross*, who married my other
 brother lives opposite, in *Vincent Alley*. *Joseph* and
Ellen had four children - three are living - *Jacob*,
Catharine, *Maria* and *Margaret* - the last named is
 dead. I do not know where *Catharine* lives, but
 somewhere in *Baltimore* - I do not know her other name.

I have understood your questions and my answers
 have been correctly recorded.

no witnesses to be had *Martha*^{*her*} *Blackstone*
no one in the neighborhood who could write. *mark*