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

On this *28* day of *Feb.*, 1898, at
Baltimore, county of *—*
 State of *Md.*, before me, *N. N. Hill*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared.

Darah A. Carroll *Colt*, 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 *about 48* years; post-office address, *116 S. Stockton st*
City; occupation, *I am the wife*
of Charles Carroll

I knew Joseph Ross from my childhood - he was
a man when I was a little girl - I knew his
family. He was raised near Annapolis in Anne
Arundel Co Md. and was a slave of Stephen
Beard. I was free born but bound to Dr. Chestin
who lived at West River more than ten miles
from Beard's. I did not know that Joseph Ross
was married prior to his marriage to Eliza. I was
informed that he lived with a woman named
Ellen - I do not know what her other name
was - I called her Aunt Ellen. Yes, he had
some children by Ellen - three, I think. No, he
was not regularly married to Ellen that I know
of - it was a slave-time marriage - they had to
have the consent of their master to get married
I do not know that Stephen Beard gave his
consent to the marriage of Joseph and Ellen
I cannot tell whether Ellen and Joseph were
married by a Deacon Johnson - I did not
know Johnson, but heard that he was a
preacher. Joseph and Ellen lived together
long enough to raise a family. I cannot
tell whether they lived together after the war
I did not see much of him until after he
married Eliza. I suppose he was not married
to Ellen, because if he had been he would have