

3-446.

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

On this *28* day of *Feb.*, 1898, at
Baltimore, county of *-*
 State of *Md.*, before me, *W. M. Fille*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared.

Eliza Ross *etc.*, 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 45* years; post-office address, *116 Stockton St City*
 ; occupation, *working out*.

I heard that my husband *Joseph Ross* had
 been ~~prevented~~ to our marriage, living with a
 woman named *Ellen* - do not know her
 other name. He never told me anything about
 it. I knew *Ellen*, she lived there in *Annapolis*
 while I was living with *Joseph Ross*. She never
 told me that she was married to him - she told
 me she lived with him. No, I never knew a
 man named *James Johnson*, and never
 heard that he married *Joseph* and *Ellen*.
Ellen lived there in *Annapolis* until she died
 - but I cannot tell the date of her death - I heard
 of it a couple of years ago. *Joseph* and *Ellen*
 had at least three children that I know of, and
 lived together a number of years - I cannot
 tell how many. I cannot tell how long he had
 been separated from *Ellen* when he married
 me - he came to see me a month or two and
 then we were married. He told he had never
 been before married.

I have heard you read all the testimony in my
 Case, including that of *Israh V. Carrel* taken to-day.
 I have no reply to make to the testimony I have heard
 you read - more than I have already said.

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

Mary S Brooks

Eliza Ross
subscribed

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But on witness available