

DEPOSITION

Case of LAVINIA BENNETT, No. 1,013,895

On this 24 day of DECEMBER, 1915, at

BALTIMORE, county of BALTIMORE CITY

State of MARYLAND, before me, W. H. STOVALL

a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared RICHARD B. CREW, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

1 I am 72 years old, occupation whitewasher, and post office
2 address 664 West Mulberry St, Baltimore Md.

3 I served as a private in Co I 2 U.S. Col Cav and am pensioned
4 at sixteen dollars per month. Have resided in Baltimore Md all

5 of my life, and became acquainted with Lavinia Bennett in this
6 city when she was about nineteen years old and out in service

7 with white people, when she got married my wife took her place. At
8 my own marriage in 1869 we went to her house to be dressed for

9 the ceremony, she was in this city quite a while before her mar-

10 riage and close associate ^{of} my people, claiming to be from Cambridge

11 Md originally. Her marriage here was to George Burke of my reg-
12 iment, company M, and that was her first marriage, Burke dying in

13 Baltimore but I forget the year of his death, he use to break rocks
14 on his breast to entertain people and lost his health and went in-

15 sane. I knew him from childhood, his right name was William Wil-

16 liams and he run off to enlist and changed his name so his parents

17 could not find him. Burke served in my regiment I am positive

18 and in all probability was in Co M. I dont think either he or

19 Lavinia received a pension. I thought her name was Luvenia, we

20 called her by that name in Baltimore. Her second husband was to

21 Robert Bennett of Cambridge whom I have met several times but had

22 no intimate acquaintance with or his history. I have not seen

23 Lavinia Bennett since her last husbands death. I have only been

24 in Cambridge a time or two and my acquaintance with these people

25 has been entirely in this city, and I have no interest in this

26 pension claim. George Burke died in Bayview Insane Asylum in

27 Baltimore, he was a tall chest ^{nut} brown complected man a little older