

DEPOSITION *Y*Case of Leroy J. Owens, No. 865,209

On this 19th day of January, 1912, at
Perryville, county of Cecil
 State of md., before me, L. C. Walsh, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Sophia Ann Chonales, 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:

1 I don't know my age, think I am about 72 years old, P.O.
 2 address as above and occupation, general house worker.
 3 Leroy J. Owens, this claimant, is my sister, but I have no
 4 interest in the prosecution of her claim for pension. I
 5 was born and raised up here at Cokesbury, Cecil County.
 6 Oh! I knew John W. Owens, the late husband of this
 7 claimant, from her boyhood; he was born and raised
 8 up here at Cokesbury. His father's name was Jones and
 9 his mother's name was Jane Owens. The said John
 10 W. Owens was never married but once; the only wife
 11 he ever had was this claimant. I had knowledge of the
 12 said claimant all her life; she was living with me
 13 when she married the said John W. Owens. She was
 14 never married but the one time. No Sir, I was not
 15 present at the marriage of said parties. No Sir, they
 16 were not married at my house. I don't know just where
 17 they were married. I always thought they were married
 18 at or near the Bethel Church, a little piece from Cokesbury.
 19 No Sir, I don't know who married them and never
 20 heard, so far as I remember. If this claimant has stated
 21 before you that she and John W. Owens were married at
 22 my house, she is mistaken and that is all there is about
 23 that. [See Claimant's Statement before the Special Examiner.]
 24 As I said before, I was not even present at their marriage
 25 and I don't know who married them or at whose house
 26 they were married. I know all about the fact of the mar-
 27 riage, but not where or when. I don't know if they were
 28 married at all or not. I don't know if they were
 29 married at all or not.