

## DEPOSITION

Case of Lucy J. Owens, No. 865, 209

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1912, at  
Port Deposit, county of Cecil  
 State of Md., before me, L. E. Welch, a  
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared  
M. J. Olesio, 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 48 years of age, P.O. address as also my occupation,  
 2 barber. I am not related to Lucy J. Owens, this claimant,  
 3 and I have no interest in the prosecution of her claim for  
 4 pension. My residence is at Conowingo, a little settlement  
 5 close to here. I have resided there for the past twenty years.  
 6 Before that I lived right in town here. I have known the  
 7 said claimant for about sixteen or eighteen years last past.  
 8 I know personally, know John W. Owens, the late husband of  
 9 the said claimant. I became acquainted with him about  
 10 the same time I did with the said claimant. I should  
 11 judge it has been about five years since the said John W.  
 12 Owens died. During the whole time I knew said parties  
 13 they lived together as man and wife and were so recognized  
 14 by all who knew them. No, I don't know whether either  
 15 the said claimant or the said John W. Owens had  
 16 been married prior to their marriage to each other or not.  
 17 Yes Sir, I testified in this claim before [B. J. G.] After  
 18 having you read my original affidavit in this claim, I  
 19 have to say: That affidavit contains a great deal more than  
 20 I ever testified to and meaning, that affidavit was never read  
 21 over to me before. The way of it was this: Mr. Bang, Acting  
 22 Public Hearing, came down here to my shop and said to me, 'Lucy  
 23 J. Owens is trying to get a pension, you know that she and  
 24 John W. Owens lived together as man and wife' and I said,  
 25 'yes'. He then said, 'all right, just sign this paper' and he  
 26 then handed me a paper and I signed it. He didn't read  
 27 the contents of said paper to me and he did not swear me  
 28 in. This is a true statement as far as I know.  
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