

DEPOSITION *J.*Case of Jennie Bailey, No. 458,352

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1912, at  
Chesterdown, county of Kent  
 State of Ind., before me, L. C. Walsh, a  
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared  
Samuel Hamilton, 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 about 46 years of age, P.O. address as above and  
 2 occupation, laborer. I am not related to Jennie  
 3 Bailey, the claimant, and I have no interest in the  
 4 prosecution of her claim for pension. I have lived  
 5 her since my boyhood. Well, I have known this claimant  
 6 for about twenty years last past. When I first knew her  
 7 she was called Jennie Giles. I don't know whether she  
 8 was or had been married when I first knew her or not. I  
 9 never knew her to live with any man as wife except John  
 10 C. Bailey. John C. Bailey, died about a year ago. No sir,  
 11 I was not present at the marriage of the said claimant  
 12 to the said John C. Bailey; I know nothing of this marriage.  
 13 All that I can say about that is this: For about Eighteen or  
 14 twenty years I saw them to live together as man and wife.  
 15 I guess it was as much as twenty two years ago that I  
 16 became acquainted with John C. Bailey, but I did not  
 17 know him well until the latter part of his life. I don't  
 18 know how often John C. Bailey was married. Well, I know  
 19 he lived with a woman named Hester; but whether he  
 20 was married to her or not, I don't know. Yet, he lived  
 21 with Hester before he lived with this claimant. No sir,  
 22 I never knew him to live with any other woman but  
 23 Hester and this claimant. No sir, I never knew him to be  
 24 married to or to live with any woman named Jones. I  
 25 don't remember that I ever knew a Jane Gibbs or a Jane  
 26 Johnson. No sir, I never knew Jerry Reed. I never  
 27 knew Hester, also named when she was a young girl. I never  
 28 knew her maiden name; I only know her as Hester.  
 29 Indeed, I don't know whether Hester was ever married