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

On this *23* day of *Feb.*, 189*8*, at
Annapolis, county of *Anne Arundel*
 State of *Md.*, before me, *N. N. Hill*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared.

Fanny A. Duval (*White*), 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 *54* years; post-office address, *21 Market St Annapo-*
lis Md.; occupation, I am the wife
 of *Thomas J. Duval*. *Stephen Boardman* was
 my grandfather, and I lived with him from
 about 1845, until he died in 1856, and during
 that time he had a slave on his place named
Joseph Ross. *Joseph* lived with a colored woman
 named *Ellen*, but I am unable to say whether
 they were married by any ceremony, but they
 lived together as husband and wife and
 raised a family. My grandfather was a
 very careful conscientious man, and I do
 not think he would allow any of his slaves to
 live together without marriage. I was too
 young to know about it. I do not think I ever
 saw *Joseph Ross* after he left our place, and did
 not know he served in the army. *Joseph Ross* and
Ellen (cannot recall her last name) lived there on the
 place some years - long enough to have a family
 of children, and I presume my grandfather knew
 all about it, and that they had his consent.

I know nothing about their separation. I knew *Eliza*
Ross - she worked for me awhile, and I heard that
 she was the wife of *Joseph Ross*. I did not know
 that *Ellen* was dead.

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

Mrs. Fannie A. Duval.