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DEPOSITION K

Case of Eliza Ross, No. 659,012

On this 23 day of Feb., 1898, at
Annapolis, county of Anne Arundel
 State of Md., before me, N. N. Hill, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Catharine Miller ^{old}, 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 about 49 years; post-office address, 6 Pleasant St
Annapolis, Md.; occupation, I am the wife
 of George Miller, and sister of Joseph Ross.
 I am considerably younger than Joseph
 would be if he were living. I was a little
 girl when he married Ellen Tyler, and
 I was not present when they were married.
 They were married by Cesar Johnson, a
 Colored preacher, and I think they were married
 at what is called Mulberry Hill - they had a
 sort of Mission Church there. I have a brother
 named William Ross living in Baltimore. He
 was older than Joseph. Joseph and Ellen
 lived together for ten or twelve years before
 he went in the army, and after he came out of
 the army they lived together for some years, and
 raised a family of children. While he was
 in the army Ellen and the children lived with
 my mother. They were looked upon as husband
 and wife by everybody who knew them. I do not
 know why Ellen and Joseph separated.

Joseph was a slave of Stephen Beard and they
 were married while Joseph lived with Beard and
 they lived there after their marriage. Beard died
 and Joseph was sold to a man named Arnold
 over on the Severn river, and he and Ellen lived
 on Arnold's place. Joseph was to be free when
 he arrived at the age of 30 years, and he was
 therefore free after he had been three years with