

DEPOSITION

Case of ELIZA JACKSON, No. 1,031,133

On this 18 day of JUNE, 1915, at
BALTIMORE, county of BALTIMORE CITY

State of MARYLAND, before me, W. H. STOVALL

a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
SOPHIA RIGDON, 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 am 71 years old, occupation housekeeper, and post office
2 address 915 St Barnabas Court, Baltimore Md, and am pensioned
3 as the widow of Chas Rigdon of Co I 28 U.S. Col Onf.
4 I knew Eliza Jackson soon after the war stopped when she lived
5 out in the country. My home was in this city and on North
6 Street at the time. She use to come in to see me but I was
7 never at her house in the country and dont just know where it
8 was, it was in the home of some respectable white family in the
9 country not overly far from Baltimore, and I saw her every Sun-
10 day at church. She has had only ^{one} husband to my knowledge and
11 that was Amos Jackson, and they were never divorced, but Amos
12 liked the barrel same as my husband and would'nt stay at home
13 all the time. I never knew him before their marriage, knew of
14 the marriage at the time it took place but was not present. I
15 do not know a thing regarding any former wife or mistress Amos
16 had, and never heard of Rebecca Chew or Sarah Weeks or Ellen
17 Diggs. Eliza had some children out in the country she claimed,
18 and it was before Mr Jackson was married to her, and she did not
19 say who was the father of them and I do not know. Never saw
20 the children myself. I use to know the children she had by
21 Amos Jackson; Henry, Sam, and Leaven Jackson were their names, and
22 Leaven is the only one alive. He is in Philadelphia and goes
23 by the name of Edward Jackson there. I never knew John Hall
24 or John Chase. I dont believe that Eliza was ever lawfully
25 married except to Amos Jackson, in slavery she may have done
26 like other colored women and had children but no husband.
27 I understood the cause of the separation between Amos and Eliza