

DEPOSITION

Case of LAVINIA BENNETT, No. 1,013,895

On this 23 day of DECEMBER, 1915, at

CAMBRIDGE, county of DORCHESTER

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

a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared MARY E. HENSON, 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 53 years old, occupation housewife, and post office address
2 24 Park Lane, Cambridge Md, and am the wife of John Henson, janitor
3 at Post Office Building. I was born and reared in Baltimore Md
4 and left there thirty eight years ago for this town which has
5 been my home ever since, and I knew Robert Bennett from the time
6 he began coming to Baltimore very soon after he was mustered out
7 of the army, his sister rooming at my mothers house on South St in
8 Baltimore at the time, and he was not married before his marriage
9 to my sister Lydie Ann Wing who lived with him as his wife until
10 her death in this county two miles from Cambridge. I cannot give
11 the date of death of Lydie Ann except it occurred in November, it
12 was just before I moved to this town so I did not go to her fune-
13 ral. Robert Bennett from all accounts was never married before
14 he had Lydie Ann Bennett, and he did not marry after her death un-
15 til his marriage to Lavinia Bennett whose maiden name I do not
16 know. He was never separated or divorced from Lavinia Bennett.
17 I knew Lavinia only a short while before her marriage to Bennett,
18 have heard she had a former husband but forget his name or what
19 became of him and did not know him personally. Lavinia Bennett
20 has not remarried since the death of her husband Bennett nor lived
21 with any man in the marriage relation. She is a perfect lady
22 sir. My sister Lydie Ann Bennett died in the fall and I came
23 to Cambridge to reside in the following spring and according to
24 my count it was thirty eight years ago or very close to it.
25 I have not known or heard of Lavinia Bennett giving birth to any
26 children. Have not known or heard of her living with any other
27 man or men as his housekeeper or mistress, our association has