

DEPOSITION *8*Case of LAVINIA BENNETT, No. 1,013,895On this 23 day of DECEMBER, 1915, at
CAMBRIDGE, county of DORCHESTERState of MARYLAND, before me, W. H. STOVALL
a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
SARAH PINDER, 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 dont know my age but was big enough to sew in the house for
2 the white people before the war. Occupation housekeeper, and
3 post office address 321 High St, Cambridge Md. I am the widow
4 of Matthew E. Pinder, laborer, and have resided in this town all
5 my life and grew up with Robert Bennett who is my nephew, and I
6 know he was only twice married, his first wife being Lydie Wing
7 and the next one Lavinia Williams. He had no wife before he
8 enlisted, we were fellow servants on the places of our owner Mr
9 William T. Goldsborough in those days. I do not know the date
10 of death of Lydie Bennett though I saw her buried. I know that
11 Robert did not marry again after her death until his marriage to
12 Lavinia who was with him from her marriage until he died.
13 I knew Lavinia Williams when she was a child, knew her before she
14 went to Baltimore. I saw her husband Billy Williams real often,
15 he come down on excursions from Baltimore, he died in Baltimore
16 and I do not know the date of his death. Williams is the only
17 husband she had before her marriage to Robert Bennett. She
18 was never divorced from Bennett on the application of either of
19 them, and has not remarried or lived with any man as his house-
20 keeper or mistress since Bennett died. Her maiden name was
21 Barnett. I knew her mother but not her father or his name. Do
22 not know where the Chase name comes in. But wait her father
23 must have been Harry Chase. I have no interest in this claim
24 and not related except as above stated. I made that former affi-
25 davit at my residence in Cambridge and was sworn to it by Mr
26 Bothum but dont recollect now whether he read the affidavit to
27 me. Your questions were understood and my answers are recorded