

DEPOSITION *B*

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

On this _____ day of _____, 191____, at _____, county of _____

State of _____, before me, _____

a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared LAVINIA BENNETT, continued, 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 knew Richard Crew and his wife Louisa Crew, street address not
2 known to me but Crew is a pensioner, and Sarah Elizabeth Smith, a
3 pensioner, widow of George Smith of Lexington Street, and Mary Hill
4 of 834 Sharp St., Baltimore Md, also Loyd Cain ex soldier of South
5 Baltimore somewhere. I tried to get a public record showing the
6 date of death of Lydie Wing Bennett and was informed that deaths
7 in the country were not recorded at that time. But I am positive
8 that a report from Bayview as to the death of William Williams
9 alias George Burke was sent to the government in this case because
10 I saw it before it was mailed, he was insane and I attended his fu-
11 neral and took his body from the Asylum to Asbury Cemetery in Bal-
12 timore. The date of death of Bennetts first wife as given in my
13 application was gotten from some of my witnesses by Mr Bothum
14 the Magistrate I guess, and I told him myself when Williams alias
15 Burke died. D.L. Stanton of Baltimore is the attorney in this
16 claim and I have not paid him any money as yet, and have no con-
17 tracts with him and dont know what his fee will be, the Magistrate
18 Bothum who has done all of my writing put the claim in Stantons
19 hands. I have paid Bothum nothing and have no contract or under-
20 standing with him for his fees for the notarial work, dont know how
21 much his charges will be. I have been to no expense in this
22 claim as yet, and have no contracts or agreement with any person
23 whatsoever for their assistance in obtaining a pension. Mr Bothum
24 could find no church or cemetery record showing when Lydie Bennett
25 died. Robert Bennett knew the date of her death, if he gave the
26 date to the Pension Office as Nov 27, 1877 it must be correct.
27 I have no papers showing the service of Williams alias Burke my