

DEPOSITION *K*

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

On this 24 day of DECEMBER, 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
MARY LOUISA CREW, 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 65 years old, the wife of Richard B. Cew, pensioner, and my
2 address is 664 West Mulberry St, Baltimore Md, and I have lived
3 in this city ever since I was fourteen years old.

4 I knew Lavinia Bennett longer than my husband did, she came up
5 from Cambridge and united with Ebenezer Church where I belonged
6 and it was very soon after the troops were discharged, and we
7 became close friends at that time, the friendship lasting until
8 she was married to Robert Bennett of Cambridge who wanted to
9 live in that town. Lavinia was once previously married, it was
10 to Billy Williams of Baltimore my husbands comrade, and I was
11 well acquainted with him and heard of his death but did not go
12 to his funeral, he was buried in Laurel Cemetery in Baltimore.
13 Williams lost his mind and was sent to Bayview Asylum and died
14 there. His wife lived here until her remarriage to Robert Ben-
15 nett and I saw her often, she returned to Cambridge shortly before
16 her remarriage. She bore a good reputation here. She is not
17 the kind of a person to lived with any man as his housekeeper or
18 mistress and never did here. I am not related to claimant and
19 have no interest in this claim. I cannot give the date of death
20 of William Williams. He was a tall, dark or chestnut brown com-
21 plected man and let folks break stones on his breast to amuse
22 people. Your questions were understood and my answers are cor-
23 rectly recorded in this deposition which I have heard read.

Mary L. Crew

(Jurat over)