

## 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 SAMUEL H. JACKSON, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

1 I am 65 years old, occupation driver, and post office address  
 2 409 High St, Cambridge Md, and I have resided in this town all  
 3 of my life and known Robert Bennett ever since slavery days, he  
 4 belonged to the Goldsborough family the same as my parents did  
 5 before he joined the U.S. Army. He was married only twice, his  
 6 former wife was Lydie Wing and she died before his second marriage  
 7 which was to Lavinia Barnett of Cambridge who lived with him up  
 8 to his death without a separation or divorce. I do not know  
 9 the date of death of Lydie Wing Bennett and did not attend her  
 10 funeral, was wild and reckless in those days and paying no atten-  
 11 tion to such things though I am certain I knew of her death soon  
 12 after it took place. Lavinia Barnett was once previously mar-  
 13 ried and that was to a fellow named Williams in Baltimore whom I  
 14 was not acquainted with, and I know nothing about his death at all  
 15 though I feel sure he was dead at the date of her remarriage to  
 16 Robert Bennett. And thats all the husbands she has had. Lavinia  
 17 was born and raised across the street from me and went to Baltimore  
 18 before fully grown. I saw her frequently on visits she made to  
 19 Cambridge, she visited my mother right after losing her first  
 20 husband Williams. She has not been otherwise married. She got  
 21 the name of Barnett from her mother who was a Barnett, never  
 22 knew her by the name of Lavinia Chase. We were kids together.  
 23 Lavinia has given birth to no children to my knowledge, she was  
 24 respectable from a child up and is that way now. I am not rela-  
 25 ted to claimant and have no interest in her claim. My former  
 26 statement was made at the house of Lavinia Bennett and I was  
 27 sworn to it by Mr Bothum who read <sup>it</sup> to me first, and I identify my