

DEPOSITION *D*

Case of Minors of George Preston, No. 921,659

On this 20 day of December, 1910, at
Della, county of Baltimore

State of Md., before me, L.S.Perkins, a

Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Mary Matthews, 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 in my 36th year; p.o.address R.F.D.No. 1, Ellicott City, Md.;
2 am the wife of James Matthews.

3 I knew George Preston and his wife Agnes from my childhood up.
4 So far as ~~you~~ I ever knew or heard, Agnes was not married before
5 she married George Preston. She had a daughter, Sarah, before her
6 marriage; Sarah is dead; I never heard who the father of Sarah was.
7 George Preston lived with an old colored woman, "Aunt Debbie" when
8 I first knew him in my childhood. Debbie died while I was still a
9 child. She has been dead at least twenty years. I saw her dead
10 body, and know positively that she died, in this neighborhood,
11 several years before George Preston married Agnes Green. Agnes
12 died in September, 1907, and George Preston died in December, 1908.

13 I cannot state the date of birth of the child Ida, born to George
14 and Agnes Preston, but I know that the boy Daniel Preston was born
15 in March, and is now in his fifteenth year. I fix the date of his
16 birth by that of my son Lawrence, who was born February 19th, 1897.
17 Daniel Preston is eleven months older than my boy Lawrence, who died
18 in August, 1908. No, I have no record of the birth of my son, but
19 I have a clear recollection of the date, and cannot be mistaken
20 in this matter.

21 The youngest child, Della Preston, was eight years old at her
22 last birthday. I know this from the age of my own child, Amanda,
23 who was born in October, 1901; Della is nearly six months younger
24 than Amanda. I have known these children, Daniel and Della, since
25 they were babies; my husband's mother, Eliza White attended ~~th~~
26 their mother when they were born.

27 I am not related nor interested. I have heard you read ~~the~~
28 foregoing; have understood your questions, and my answers are cor-
29 rectly recorded.

Mary Matthews (sworn over)