

DEPOSITION *C*Case of Minors of George Preston, No. 921,659

On this 21 day of December, 19010, at
Baltimore, county of _____
 State of Md., before me, L.S. Perkins, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Gertrude D. Smith, 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 40th year; p.o. address No. 1624 Druid Hill ave.,
 2 Baltimore, Md.; matron of Maryland Home for Friendless Colored
 3 Children, at No. 1624 Druid Hill ave., Baltimore, Md.
 4 Daniel W. Preston, a colored boy, was admitted to this institu-
 5 tion from Oella, Baltimore Co., Md., on April 10th, 1901, having
 6 been sent here by Joseph B. Herbert, justice of the peace of said
 7 county. The boy is still living here in this institut on and is in
 8 good health at the present time. His age, as given at the time of
 9 admission, was four years, and the date of his birth was given as
 10 March 12th, 1897. My personal belief is that the said Daniel W.
 11 Preston is in his fifteenth year; that he was fourteen years of age
 12 at his last birthday, rather than thirteen, as the record makes him
 13 to be. I have just measured him, and find him to be five feet,
 14 four inches high; we have no means for weighing him. I judge from
 15 his appearance that he will be fifteen years of age next March, and
 16 he is well developed for his age.

17 The books of this institution show that Dora Preston, a sister of
 18 Daniel, died here, or rather at the old ~~of~~ location of the institu-
 19 tion on Courtland street, on March 14th, 1903; age, place of birth
 20 and names of parents not given.

21 I am not related nor interested. I have heard you read the fore-
 22 going; have understood your questions, and my answers are correctly
 23 recorded.

Gertrude D. Smith

(Turn over)