

DEPOSITION

Case of Sallie Williams, No. 661.036

On this 21 day of June, 1898, at Baltimore, county of _____ State of md, before me, H. H. LOCKWOOD, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Phillip News, 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:

I am between ⁵⁰⁺⁶⁰ years of age, my post office address is 805 Bruce st occupation labourer. I have known this clerk & the soldier James W. Williams for about 30 years long before I was ever married. I know that these parties were married according to the usage of the slave times and were considered as man & wife to the time they were married in the regular way before the church. I was living at near Ellicott city when they were married in the episcopal church - ever after that they lived together as man & wife to the time the soldier died. neither of them had ever married any body else. I have nearly always lived near to them & never lost sight of each other and know I would have known if either of them had ever been married to any one else. I cant tell how many years I have known these parties but it has been long before I myself was married and I have children who are over 30 years of age. so I can say I have known these parties about all of my life. I remember making a statement in this case and I know it is all true.

I have been recorded by Phillip News deponent

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