

DEPOSITION

D.

Case of Melia Johnson, No. 253,678

On this 9th day of May, 1888, at
Sublimore, County of W. Virginia,
 State of Maryland, before me, W. Brooks, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Peter
Lauke, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-
 said pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 60 years
Present address and residence
742 Chestnut Alley Baltimore Md.
I am not related to claimant
I knew her and her late husband
Henry Johnson for the past forty
years. I was present and acted groom
sworn at their marriage, which was
performed by Rev Dr Emell now of
Cambridge, Md. - The wedding took
place at his father's house on the
road leading to Drawbridge. I
forget the year but it was after
I was married and that was about
1855 - I worked many a day with
Henry Johnson - He belonged to
Oliver Pierce, and although I was
free I used to work there with him.
And after his marriage he and his
wife lived in the same house with
me near Vienna Dorchester, Md. about
8 or 9 months. - And at that time he
was a hale hearty man. Never at that
time knew him to be sick unless
it may have been illness in
the fall of the year, or a slight
cold, not with a continuous one.
Had his regular cough, may have