

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Johnson

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On this 8 day of April, 1899, at Battison, county of —

State of Med., before me, W. N. Hill, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Arthur Harris, 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 ~~about~~ 70 years of age; my post-office address is 531 Aisquith St. City. Subur

I knew Samuel Johnson when a boy - he lived down near Curtis Bay, in the neighborhood of Snow Hill. I was born and raised down there. I knew him from birth on until he died. He was free born, but his mother bound him out to a Ben Hammond near named Isaac Benjamin until he was 21 years of age. After he became of age he went to following the Bay - fishing and crabbing and shucking oysters, and he got way down to Potato Neck, where he got acquainted with and married this woman. Yes, he might have lived in Battison for sometime before he married her - I cannot say - I continued to live down there at the old place.

I could not swear that they were married - only he told me years ago that they were married. Now, I never heard that he ever had anything to do with any woman but Susan, either as wife or otherwise. I am sure Susan was his first and only wife, because after he left Curtis Bay, I used to meet him often, and I knew him all along, and I believe if he had ever married any other woman I would have heard of it. He used to come back down there occasionally.

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