

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Susan Johnson*, No. *682072*

On this *4* day of *July*, 1899, at
Patterson, county of *—*
 State of *Md.*, before me, *N. N. Hill*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Susan Johnson et al., 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:

I am *about 65* years of age; my post-office address is *539 Ordeal*
st. City. I am washing and ironing for a living.

I am the widow of *Samuel Johnson*. I do not
 know my age. I was married when I was 16, and
 was married before the war - I think about 1852.
 My husband served in *Co. C. 39 U.S.C. Inf.* from
June 28, 1864, to Dec. 4, 1865; according to the discharge
 certificate I show you. This cert. shows that he served
 in *Capt. Eli H. Linton's Company* and was discharged
 at *Wilmington N.C. on S.O. 249 C.S. Dept. A.C.*; that
 he was born in *Patterson, Md.* age at enlistment *41*
years - 5 ft. 5 1/4 in in height - Black - Complex black -
Eyes black - a laborer. *St. James Collins* was
 commanding company at date of muster out.
 My name prior to marriage was *Susan Waters*.
 I was born in *Somerset Co. Md.* near *Princess*
Anne. I was not a slave. My father was a slave
 but my mother was free. My father's master was
Dickey Waters, and that is where my name came
 from. My husband was born in *Anne Arundel*
Co. somewhere near Patterson, but he came
 down to *Somerset Co.* before the war and
 worked for *Joseph Hamilton (dead)* shucking oysters
 about a year, and during that time we were married.
 I do not think he was a slave - never heard him
 say. I believe he said his mother was free but
 his father was a slave. We were married at
Fairmount, Somerset Co. by *Rev. Mr. Brinson*
 of the *Methodist Church*. I do not remember his first