

DEPOSITION *a*

Case of *Mrs Shipley Insult*, No. 913.387

On this *Baltimore* 12 day of *February*, 189*8*, at
Baltimore, county of
 State of *MD*, before me, *W. H. Lockwood*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
James 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: That his
 age is *65* years; post-office address, *902 David Hill av*
 ; occupation, *laborer*.

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 I enlisted in *C. K. 9 U. S. C. 7.* in the fall
 of *1863* and served till *Christmas 1866*.

I was with my company all the time except
 about a month I was sick at *Benedict MD*.

I was not acquainted with the soldier *Joseph
 Shipley* before going into the service. I did not
 notice anything during service that indicated a
 weakening of his mind. I don't know of his
 having any special sickness. He attended to his
 duty as orderly sergeant to time of discharge & I
 never noticed any thing about him that looked like
 he was getting crazy. I never saw him under
 the influence of liquor during the whole term
 of service. was not wounded as far as I
 know. I was at his house after discharge
 as often as once in 2 or 3 months. The first I
 noticed any thing the matter with him after we
 came home was near about a year. He came
 where I was working & I saw for the first that
 his mind was off. he was not violent only just
 foolish like. it increased on him so they could not
 do any thing with him at home & they had him
 put in an asylum. I think it must have been
 about two years after our discharge. he has been
 under confinement ever since so far as I know.

There is no sign of any insanity in any of the rest
 of the family. There was nothing occurred in service