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DEPOSITION ^ECase of James H. Freeman, ^{of} No. 552047

On this 10 day of Sept, 1897, at
Baltimore, county of _____
 State of MD, before me, Chas. H. H. H. H., a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Thomas A. Jones, 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 58 or 59 years; post-office address, 140 Chesnut St
Baltimore Md; occupation, Shoemaker.

When we were children this man and me
 played together, we became shoemakers.
 He learned his trade with his father, I
 learned my trade with Richard Mason.
 The best part of the time before the war we
 lived on opposite sides of the street. After
 we had learned our business, I employed him
 to work for me, I secured the work from a firm
 and he came to my house, to help me in the
 work, he did peg work when he came to me
 but I was a stitch workman and taught him
 how to do stitch work, I finally opened a shop
 and employed him and he was in my shop
 when he enlisted in the army, I was not with
 him in the army nor did I see him during
 his service until after he left Baltimore
 until after his discharge.

The work required good eyesight and his appear-
 ance and ability to do work of the finest
 quality made me know that he was able
 to do full work because of perfect eyesight,
 his eyes were never watery, inflamed or in
 any manner affected by disease and he
 never made any complaints before his en-
 listment I was drafted and served in our or-
 ganization, and discharged in May 1865,
 and this man reached home some weeks later