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DEPOSITION *B*

Case of *James H. Freeman*, *Off. No. 552047*

On this *Stephen* day of *189*, at *Concord* county of *Concord* State of *Concord*, before me, *Concord*, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Concord*, 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 *years*; post-office address, *years*; occupation,

*removed. This man I have known to work at his trade for 10 or 12 years.*

*I was a witness on his case when he made his declaration and it is my recollection that he signed the paper.*

*I do not recall that anything was mentioned regarding his lost eye in that declaration. Yes I recognize my signature on that paper.*

*I cannot recall at this time ever seeing or hearing of any such injury to his eye as is mentioned there.*

*I know the eye was out and supposed then as I do now that it was a result of his affliction which began in his service at Ft Fisher.*

*I have heard no one that I can remember speaking of an injury by a strap striking him in the eye, and I think at that time he had ceased for a long time to follow his trade. Oh he may have done a little cobbling in the meantime.*

*I don't remember it if this man made a statement to Mr Lloyd the agent that the loss of his eye was due to his injury by a strap.*

*I can't account for that statement*