

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION FCase of James H. Freeman, No. 552047On this 16 day of June, 1897, at
Baltimore, County of —State of Md., before me, W. N. Hill, aSpecial Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared John K.Drafer, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
pension claim, deposes and says: Age 71 years, occupation,musician, post office ad. 921 Granty
st. Baltimore, Md.

I have known James H. Freeman since he was a child. I carried him around in my arms. I am not related to him, but his brother married an aunt of mine. He spoke to me and told me he wanted me to testify in his case - he spoke to me about his defective eyesight and asked whether I could testify that his sight was good before the war. I know his sight was good then. He was then a shoemaker, and he was an accomplished reader - we used to come together and have him read to us. No, he did not tell me he wanted my testimony relative to any other disease or disability.

No, I do not remember that I saw him during his service.

Yes, I remember when I first saw him upon his return from the service. I was at a banquet given his regiment at the Douglas Institute upon its return from the war. I saw him there. I have been quite intimately acquainted with him from that time to this. I want to speak