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DEPOSITION *A*

Case of John Smothers Inv. Ctf. , No. 1,046,814

On this 17th day of August, 1911, at Baltimore, county of _____

State of Md., before me, L.S. Perkins, a

Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Claimant, continued, 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:

1 me, as I could not write. I cannot read writing, and had to
2 take her word for it that she wrote in there for me.

3 Q. Will you swear that this record of your birth was written
4 in the Bible more than ten years ago?

5 A. Yes, it has been written there more than ten years.

6 Q. What was your age at enlistment?

7 A. I don't know; I didn't tell the enrolling officer what my
8 age was; I didn't know it.

9 I make from \$1.50 to \$3.50 a day at hauling, which sum has to be
10 divided with the owner of the horse and wagon, which do not be-
11 long to me. I work some every month.

12 Mrs. Susan Ann Givens, wife of "Bill" who kept a small store on
13 some street in the northwest portion of Washington, D.C., some
14 years ago, is a granddaughter of my old mistress, Mrs. Milburn
15 Richardson. I think Mrs. Givens has a record of my birth.

16 I married my fourth wife, Mary Jane Wilmer, widow of John Wil-
17 mer, of this, in February, 1906. She is still with me. My young-
18 est living child is 29 years old.

19 I have heard you read the foregoing; have understood your ques-
20 tions, and my answers are correctly recorded.

Witnesses to mark:

21 *Thomas W. Haines*
22 *Ewan L. Brighton*

23 *John ^{his} Smothers*
24 *mark*

(*Sworn over*)