

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION *h*

Case of *Alice Duncan*, No. *573.997*

On this *15* day of *June*, 189*5*, at *Baltimore*, County of *Baltimore*, State of *Maryland*, before me, *W. B. Brooks*, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *William H. Smith*, 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: *My age is 57 years*

*Postoffice address 623 N. Spring St. but formerly lived at 572 N. Spring St. City - Occupation Laborer*  
*I think I became acquainted with John Duncan about ninety years ago. he and I worked together shucking oysters in Rufe's packing house on Canton, but Rufe went out of business years ago. We worked together for several seasons but his health was not so very good. - He complained of his eyes and throat. I was using some remedies for my throat at the time and advised him to use some just before he died.*  
*He appeared to be losing the sight of his eyes but I don't know from what cause. Don't know anything of a pain of oyster shell injuring the sight of either eye.*  
*I have no recollection of him complaining of his throat trouble but his throat and eyes, when he and I worked together. He was away from his work quite a long time, but I don't know of his using him being away.*