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DEPOSITION b.Case of Sarah Adams, No. 4,009,977

On this 5th day of November, 1913, at
Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia
 State of Pa., before me, L. C. Walsh, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Festus Johnson, 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 I am 71 years of age, residence and P.O. address No.
 2 637, Cherry St., Camden, N. J. and occupation, Minister
 3 of the Gospel. I am the brother-in-law of Sarah
 4 Adams, the claimant, but I have no interest in the
 5 prosecution of her claim for pension. John E. Adams,
 6 the late husband of the said claimant, was my brother.
 7 As to the difference in name between my said brother
 8 and me, it was this way: My father was a slave and
 9 was owned by a man named Adams; he ran away
 10 from Maryland and changed his name to Johnson. I
 11 did not go with my father when he ran away from Maryland
 12 but I did leave Maryland and come north in 1869.
 13 I then took the name of Johnson and that has been
 14 my name ever since. My said brother always stuck
 15 to the Maryland name of Adams. I was in the army
 16 myself and was a pensioner. I was in the 9th Regt. &
 17 my said brother was in the 7th. It was January, I think,
 18 1864 that I enlisted. My said brother enlisted a
 19 short time before I did. Up to the time that
 20 he enlisted, I lived in the same neighborhood with my
 21 said brother, in Worcester Co., Md. and had knowledge of
 22 him all the time. My said brother was married twice,
 23 only twice. The name of his first wife was Mary.
 24 I don't remember her maiden name, although I knew
 25 her before my said brother married her.
 26 Q. Was her maiden name Furness.

A. I can't say; I don't remember. I knew her several
 28 years before my brother married her. She had two
 29 sisters, namely, Sarah & Lottie. I think Lottie is dead.