

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION *I*Case of *James Benson*, No. *328330*

On this *4* day of *September*, 188*3*, at
Baltimore, County of *Baltimore*

State of *Maryland*, before me, *James H. Calcutt*, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Levi Fredericks*,
 who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-
 said pension claim, deposes and says: his age is 38 years, resides at 187 Pearl

Street - Baltimore Md. As well acquainted with the Claimant - James
 Benson, has known him since his (deponent's) childhood, knew him well
 while he was Coachman for Mr Barrells or Burrells a Guinea Merchant
 before enlistment, at that time deponent was a writer for G. S. Keyser,
 Iron Merchant, they lived in the same neighborhood, at that time
 and to date of enlistment, Claimant was to all appearances and to
 best of deponent's knowledge and belief, a healthy hearty man, never
 knew him to have a days sickness before he enlisted, unless it may
 have been a slight cold.

I Did Claimant follow any business before he enlisted except driving
 a Private Carriage.

A He did not to my knowledge.

Q What business has he followed since his discharge from the U. S.
 Army.

A He drove a Private carriage for Mr Canahan for some years after
 his discharge, and since then has been carting for himself.

Q What do you ^{know} about his health or physical condition since his dis-
 charge.

A He has appeared to be in a feeble condition ever since discharge, and
 I have heard him complain from day to day of feeling unwell.

Q Have you known him to be confined to his bed with any kind of sickness
 if so, what was the nature of the sickness, when was he confined.

A He was confined to his bed a year or two ago, for several weeks, but
 I don't know what his complaint was, nor can I give the date of his
 sickness.

Q Do you know whether he was compelled to lose any time on account
 of sickness while he drove carriage for Mr Canahan, after his dis-