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DEPOSITION *F*Case of Annie Hales — , No. 1002404

On this 24th day of Sept, 1913, at
Clueston, county of Kent
 State of Md, before me, W. F. Stovall, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Thomas Benson, 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 67 years old, Occupation
 2 Restaurant Proprietor, Post Office
 3 Clueston Md. I served
 4 in Co C 19 (Mead) and am
 5 pensioned at \$18.00. I worked
 6 at this place all my life and
 7 knew William Hales before the war
 8 and ran with him many a day and
 9 he was here after his discharge
 10 until going to Baltimore. He went to
 11 Baltimore three or four years after
 12 his discharge and had a wife
 13 named Annie Maria and she
 14 died in this town but I can't
 15 fix the date of her death to
 16 save my life though it happened
 17 I know before Hales went to
 18 Baltimore. She was his first wife
 19 and the only wife he had in
 20 this County. She died soon after
 21 Hales married her and in a very
 22 short time he left Clueston
 23 for Baltimore but visited here often
 24 until his death. He married in
 25 Baltimore and his last wife was
 26 visited here several times her
 27 name being Annie Hales.
 28 William Hales had no wife before
 29 he enlisted. He went by no other