

DEPOSITION *B*Case of *Fannie Gibson*, No. *460.300*

On this *13* day of *June*, 18*95*, at  
*near Wilton*, County of *Middlesex*  
 State of *Va.*, before me *John G. Fisher*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Dorothy*  
*E. Blake*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 66 years*

*old, occupation none, P.O.*  
*address Wilton Va.*

*I have lived in this*  
*neighborhood for a number*  
*of years and was well ac-*  
*quainted with a colored*  
*woman named Elvora Bates*  
*from her girlhood until*  
*her death. She died near*  
*here on Feb 5, 1876. I fix*  
*the date of her death from*  
*the fact that I looked in*  
*the almanac at the time*  
*and remember distinctly*  
*that that was the day and*  
*I know the year was 1876*  
*I saw her funeral burial.*  
*She was a daughter of*  
*Robt. and Lydia Ann Thomas,*  
*and her husband was named*  
*Henry Bates, he had left her*  
*7 years before her death,*  
*and she had married again.*  
*Her second husband was*  
*named Walter P. Hill, he*  
*is now north somewhere.*  
*I am not interested*