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EXHIBIT *Deposition A*Case of *Ann Cole*, No. *208572*

On this *11* day of *October*, 1882, at
Baltimore, County of *Baltimore*
 State of *Maryland*, before me, *James M. Clement*, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *William R. Fort*
 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 about 37 years, resides at
Lutherville, Baltimore Co Md, he was a Corporal in *Co "H" 30 U.S.*
Col Troop, cant remember date of enlistment, but was one of the first
 members of said Co, enlisted at *Camp Belger, Baltimore Md*, resided
 at *Pidons Switch*, and was a slave to *John Pider* before enlistment,
 served with said Co and Regiment until it was mustered out of service,
 was well acquainted with *James Cole* who was drafted and joined
 the Co while we were near *Petersburg*, but cant give the date, knew him
 from deponents earliest childhood, they were Cousins, said *James Cole*, belonged
 to the *Tipton* family who resided on *Chestnut Ridge* about three miles
 from *Cockeysville Baltimore County Md*, He was about 35 or 40 years
 old, a Chestnut brown colour, tall in stature, over the average in height,
 thinks he was six foot tall,

Question, Do you know whether said *James Cole* was ever married
 or not,

Answer, He lived with the Claimant here present, as his wife
 was so recognized, I did not see them married but know they were re-
 garded as husband and wife for years before I enlisted,

Question, Did he have a wife before he had Claimant, did she
 have any children by him,

Answer, He never had another wife to my knowledge, she had a
 child by him to my knowledge, dont think she ever had a child,

Question, Was there more than one *James Cole* in your Co, or Regiment

Answer, There was a man named *Enoch Cole* in the Co, before
 Claimants husband joined, I think his name was *James Enoch Cole*,
 he remained with the Co until mustered out, dont know what has be-
 come of him since,

Question, Was *James Cole*, your Cousin and comrade a healthy man,