

DEPOSITION *F*Case of *Philip Stepien*, No. 469523.

In this *30* day of *August*, 1890, at
Baltimore, County of *Cecil*,
 State of *Maryland*, before me, *H. W. Hall*, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Charles*
R. Leolt, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 52 years of age.*

Residence No. 710 Woodysar St. this City

I am an upholsterer.

I have known the Claimant, Philip Stepien from childhood up to present time. We were slaves and were owned by Robert and Grafton Bresh (now dead) whose farms were located near Brooklyn, Anne Arundel Co. Md.

I enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1861 and served on the U. S. S. "Minnesota" and was discharged in Fall of 1862 and went to Phil. adelpia Pa. and lived there three years. While living in Philadelphia, Pa. I received a letter from Claimant informing me that he had enlisted in the 39th U. S. C. Troops. Do not recollect date of enlistment or discharge.

Up to 1861 or when I went into the U. S. Army Claimant had something the matter with his left eye - it was injured when he was a boy in playing with a pistol on the Sabbath day - which caused him to lose the sight of the eye. I think also that he had rheumatism and I frequently heard him complain of it. Do not think he was injured in any other way prior to his enlistment.

Page *17* Deposition *F*