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Examination in Jefferson Co
Md.

I waited upon the claimant who I found to be quite feeble, but a very bright intelligent old colored woman. I served the usual notices upon her, and she elected to proceed with the investigation of her claim, but declined to be present during the taking of testimony in her neighborhood, and waived notice of further examination. She is very highly thought of in Shepherdstown, a place where a colored person is but little thought of. I was very favorably impressed with her conduct while giving me the statement here-with, and I believe the old lady told the truth, as she understands things. The burden of proof to establish this claim must be obtained in Baltimore Md. where claimant and the soldier lived for years prior to the war, and for a year after his return from service, and