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DEPOSITION

Case of Wester A. Bowman, No. 358. 469

On this 23 day of May, 1899, at Shepherdstown, county of Jefferson, State of W. Va., before me, W. E. Clapp, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Mary A. Lewis, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 46 years of age; my post-office address is Shepherdstown W. Va. Am a widow.

I have known this claimant for about twenty years. I knew her son George, as he used to visit his mother often for several years prior to his death. He always called her mother, and she always recognized George W. Harris as her son. I often talked with him, and he told me he had been in the army. He also told me that he had been married but that his wife was dead, and that he had no children. He was in poor health, from the way he coughed and spit up, he evidently had consumption. He was not really able to do anything, just laid around where he came here to see his mother.

No. I have no personal knowledge that he gave his mother any money or helped support her.

I knew the Rev. J. M. Bowman claimant's husband he died about twenty years ago.

I know that this claimant has not married since Mr. Bowman's death.