

## DEPOSITION

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Case of *Jesse Fry Surman*, No. *364780*

On this *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, 1888, at  
*Baltimore*, County of *Jefferson*,  
 State of *Maryland*, before me, *W. B. Brown*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Robert*  
*Corn*, 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: *My age is 73 years*

*Postoffice address, 1421 Patterson*  
*Ave. Baltimore, Md. Contractor*

*I have known Jesse Fry ever*  
*since he was a small boy.*  
*And in 1848 I became overseer*  
*on the farm of John Tolly Johns*  
*continued in that capacity for*  
*two or three years, and after*  
*leaving Johns place I lived in*  
*that neighborhood for some*  
*time before the war, and saw*  
*club frequently. And I know*  
*that Fry was a good stout*  
*boy - And that he was never*  
*sick while I was there. Never*  
*had fits, fainting or much blood*  
*to the head. I was in a position*  
*to know, having to be among*  
*the slaves every day and if*  
*he had had anything of the kind*  
*I would have known and*  
*remembered it, but he never*  
*had anything like fits while I*  
*was there - I also knew his*  
*father, mother, brother and sister*  
*and I never knew of any of them*  
*having anything the matter with*