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DEPOSITION

Case of Hester A Bowman, No. 358.469

On this 24 day of May, 1899, at Shepherdstown, county of Jefferson State of WVa, before me, W E Clapp, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared John Bowley, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 59 years of age; my post-office address is Shepherdstown WVa, Cum a laborer.

I know this pensioner well. I also knew George W Harris her son. He lived in Baltimore Md but came up here, and into the Valley to see his mother, after after his wife died and I met him on these occasions, and in 1880, and for several years he would come up here and stay some time. He was in poor health had the consumption. He drank some but not much. His doctor ordered whiskey for him.

Q How did you know that George W Harris was Hester A Bowman's son?

A Because he called her mother and staid with her when he came up here. He had been a soldier, and he after came to see me when he was in this neighborhood.

Q Was George W Harris a married man at the time he died?

A He had been married, but his wife died.

Q Do you know whether he supported his mother in any way during the last few years of his life?