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DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Hester Abowman* No. *358469*

On this *2* day of *Oct*, 189*7*, at
Cal county of
 State of *Cal*, before the *Hester*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
 _____, 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: That his
 age is _____ years; post-office address,

_____ ; occupation,
in Baltimore to Leva Hawkins, a
niece of my father's second wife. They
had ten children but they all died
when they were babies - she had children
very fast and that was the cause of
her death - none of them lived to grow
even to childhood - some of them
were dead born and some lived only
one or two days. The mother of these
children have been dead about 12 years.
- she died before he did - so that is a
mistake about her being dead 12 years
- she certainly died before he did.

I remember *George W. Harris* when he
 came home out of the army, though I
 was young then - he came to his mother's
 house in *Morris Alley*. Yes, he was in
 good health then. I think he worked about
 the post office. He was in good health
 a long time, cannot tell how many
 years. I think he died of consumption.
 I heard them say it was consumption
 I know he had a cough. I think he had
 the disease three or four months before
 he died - I think he coughed about that
 length of time. He appeared to be in
 good health up to within three or four