

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary E. Coon, No. 342940

On this 24 day of March, 1888, at
Hagerstown, County of Washington
 State of Md., before me, J. C. Kelly, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mrs
Rachel Lester, 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: Her name is Rachel

Lester, age 32, about, occupation
cook; widow of Julius Lester;

I went down to Washington
D.C., to hunt up my brother, along
 some time since Civil War;

It was just about a week
 before Nelson Coon, son of Claim-
ant Mary E. Coon, died down
 there in the Asylum Hospital
 near the Congregational burying
ground; The hospital was in
 the work house;

Claimant asked me to go
 and see him. She told me he
 was sick in one of the hospital.

She did not know which one
 I hunted in the hospitals till
 I found him; She sent a dollar
 with me to give him; I took
fifty ct. and got milk for him
 and gave him the rest, and
fifty ct. of my own;

He was laying very low
 then with consumption and
 died in a week after that.

I sat there with him three
 hours. I said Nelson, it is a