

DEPOSITION

Case of May E. Coon, No. 347,940

On this 6 day of June, 1887, at Hagerstown, County of Washington, State of Maryland, before me, Thomas H. Huse, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared May E. Coon, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 55 years old as near as I can tell. I was born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but when I was very small I was taken by my mistress Henrietta Hem-

ley, afterwards Mrs. F. S. Tilghman, Dr. Tilghman, and his wife as both dead, and they left us in the care of the doctor. I remained in Hagerstown, Md., which is my present address.

I was free before the war commenced. Dr. Tilghman gave all his slaves their freedom sometime before the war commenced.

I married Daniel Coon, when I was a slave on Mrs. Tilghman's plantation. My maiden name was May E. Campbell, my husband was never a slave he was a travelling blacksmith, we were married by Rev. John Lanham, now of Laurel, Md.

I can't give the date of my marriage but I was married on Sunday evening. I am sure of that.

My husband died before the war. I was never been married before I married Daniel Coon, and have never been married since.

My husband had been married before he married me but he told me