

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Johnson, No. 590. 178

On this 17 day of Dec, 1889, at
Baltimore, County of City
State of Md, before me, J. & J. Henry, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared George St
Williams, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
pension claim, deposes and says: I am 56 years old.

Residence 508 Oxford St this City. Optic Surgeon.
Has known claimant since 1852, intimately
so far as I know claimant was a sound man
when he went into the army.

Saw claimant very soon after he came out
of the army discharged. don't know what year
it was, or exactly how soon after discharge I saw
him, but it was not six months at the outside.
Soldier when I first saw him, and each time
I have seen him, since then, complained of
Rheumatism, which appeared to afflict his
back, hips and legs, and caused him to go lame
and use a cane.

Have seen soldier on an average once each
month during each year since he came
home from the army.

Soldier told me he had rheumatism and was in
the hospital with it in the army.

I really think soldier has rheumatism
from 1861 to 1875; soldier was for disabled since
then he has been able to do very little, and
most of the time could only walk
about, lame and using a stick, this I think
is caused by rheumatism.

Nearly all the time since 1861 I have lived near
to soldier, and have all the time been intimate
with him.