

DEPOSITION 4

Case of Samuel Johnson, No. 590,178

On this 16 day of Dec, 1889, at
 Baltimore, County of City
 State of Md, before me, J. E. S. Cunningham, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Leonard
 Water, 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 59 years of age
 Residence, 217, N. Sharp St. this City

Grain Carrier, in charge of a crew of men
 Was not in the army with claimant.

Lived in the same house with claimant before
 and at enlistment, he then was a sound, hale &
 hearty man.

When claimant was discharged he came to my house
 (his wife lived with me while he was in the army)
 and lived with me as near as I now can state it eight
 years, after the war. When soldier came home he had a
 bad cough, and was crippled up, and lame,
 he had this cough, and was crippled up & lame all
 the time he lived with me. Sometimes better
 than worse. Sometimes he was confined to his bed
 with lameness.

Have seen soldier since he left my house about once
 each week during each year, and each time I saw
 him he was lame, and had a cough.

Know he could not earn money enough to pay his rent
 while with me, and I had to pay for him.

For the last five years soldier has been good for nothing
 for work. The first two years after discharge soldier
 did tolerably fair as to work, after that he became so
 disabled by rheumatism he was not worth 1/2 a
 man.

Soldier married my sister. My wife has
 helped soldier's wife many times.