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Case of Susan Johnson, No. 682072

On this 12 day of July, 1899, at
Baltimore, county of
Md., before me, N. W. Hill, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Dr. John F. Brown, 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:

I am about 67 years of age; my post-office address is 867 Linden
Ave. Practicing physician.

When I first knew Samuel Johnson I was a
 member of the Episcopal M.E. Church on Montgomery
St. between Charles and Harvor, and was
 leader of the Choir. Johnson was also a member
 of the church and Choir and was a single
 man as well as I know. We understood him
 to be a single man - he passed as a single man.
 It is impossible for me to say, positively, whether
 he was or was not a single man at that time.
 I cannot say what his age was at that time - I
 have no idea of his age, but he was an older
 man than I. He was a man of good character.
 I think ~~that~~^{at} was somewhere about the year 1848
~~and about that~~ ^I began singing in the Choir,
 and afterwards in 1852, I went down the Bay and
 worked for Mr. Hunsford^{Hingro} of Boston, shucking
 oysters, and Johnson also went down there about
 the same time and engaged in the same business,
 and it is my understanding that he then
 became acquainted with and married Susan
Watins. I know her father well. She was then a
 young lady and I do not think she had been
 previously married. My recollection is that
 at the time Samuel Johnson was singing in
 the Church Choir he was living in Baltimore, and
 during the summer his business was crabbing, and
 he would go down the Bay for that purpose, and in