

DEPOSITION *H*Case of *Susan Johnson*, No. *682072*

On this *20* day of *Feb.*, 1899, at
Baltimore, county of *—*
 State of *Md.*, before me, *N. N. Hill*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Charles H. Curry, 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 *70* years of age; my post-office address is *1630 Milliken
 St. City. Laborer.*

I knew *Samuel Johnson* when he was
 a boy. He was a slave of *Al Charles
 Hammond* and was born down here
 below the City at Curtis Bay, up on that
 high hill they call *Snow Hill*. His mother
 was a free woman, but he was bought
 out to *Hammond*. I was born and
 raised there too and was a slave
 of *Betsy Ferguson*. *Samuel Johnson*
 and I were boys together. I have been
 down there ever since boyhood and
 live down there yet. I am now working
 for *Al Hammond*, a descendant of the
 old *Hammond* family. *Johnson* was
 about three months older than I am. He
 staid down there twenty or thirty years
 - staid there until the war broke out
 so, he was never married down there.
 He went away to the war, and after his
 return from the army I first knew that
 he had a wife - I met him and his
 wife, this claimant, here in *Baltimore*.
 No, I did not know when or where he
 married her - did not know that he
 went to the Eastern Shore and married
 her before he went into the army. She
 is his first wife so far as I know.