

DEPOSITION

Case of Ellen Nelson, No. 736803

On this 24 day of April, 1907, at
near Sykesville, county of Stoward
State of Maryland, before me, Asst Davis, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Mrs. Sarah A. Ridgeley, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am 53
Years old and my residence is in Howard
County, Md. about 3 miles from Sykesville
on Bowling Green farm and my P.O.
address is Sykesville, Carroll Co. Md.
My maiden name was Sarah A. Jarvis
and when I was a child my mother
owned a slave named Henry Nelson.
I have a faint recollection that his
full name was William Henry Nelson
but he was called generally Henry.
Henry Nelson's mother and all his
family belonged to my mother, and
he still belonged to mother and lived
here on this farm right up to
the time he went into the army.
I remember the time and the cir-
cumstances of his going into the
army, and I know positively that
Henry Nelson was never married
previous to the date of his enlistment
into the army. After he went
away to the army I did not see
him for a good many years, but
I heard through some of the servants
that he was out of the army and
living in Baltimore. A good
many years ago, probably eighteen
or twenty, Henry Nelson came back
to this neighborhood and began living