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Why claimant should have attempted to conceal soldier's prior marriage unless through ignorance - for I am convinced that she did know of soldier's former marriage. It is hardly possible that soldier could have married claimant and brought her to live in the same house where his first wife died and surrounded by the same neighbors without her hearing about said first wife. Soldier left surviving him no child by the first wife.

Claimant is very ill with pneumonia and for that reason I did not worry her to explain her lack of knowledge of the first wife.

Claim appears now to be complete.

I recommend its admission.

Very respectfully
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