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Case of Minors of James Anderson M.C. , *No.* 933,300

On this 30th *day of* January , 191 1 , *at* Towson , *county of* Baltimore *State of* Md. , *before me,* L.S.Perkins , *a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared* Florence Willis , *who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to h*er *during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:*

I am nearly 46 years of age; p o. address Towson, Md.; am the former wife of Charles Willis.

"Charlie" Anderson, deceased, was the husband of my sister, whose maiden name was Amelia Mears, better known as "Pet" Mears, who is also dead. I was presnt at the marriage of Pet and Anderson at the residence of William Gilmor, Summerfield, in this county. I was about eight years old at the time; the ceremony was perfbrmed by James Owens, a minister of Mt. Zion colored church, now dead.

My mother, Angeline Mears, was a midwife, and I assisted her at the birth of the three last children of Amelia and Charles Anderson; the three children were Birdie (now Carter), Florence and Odie. I carried in water and assisted my mother in other ways at the birth of these children.

Birdie was born in May, but I cannot state the year; I was about fifteen yeas old at the time.

Florence was born in May also, I think; I did not keep account of the date, and cannot say what year it was, but it was about two years after the birth of Birdie.

Odie Anderson was born the week that President James A. Garfield died. I remember that a woman living next door to my sister Amelia and her husband, took a paper, and she called out, through the window, that Garfield was dead; and told me to tell Amelia that the president was dead. I told her that Amelia had given birth to a boy at twelve o'clock the night before. Amelia was then living at Govans, in this county. The boy that was born that night to her was certainly Odie Anderson. There is about two years and six months' differanee between the agen of Odie and Florence. I raised Florance till she was sixteen, and partly raised Odie. They and their sister Birdie are both living, so far as I know; I saw them a few weeks ago.

Charlie Anderson died when Odie was about a year old; I know Odie was a little fellow walking around chairs at the time. My sister Amelia did not remarry after Charlie's death. She supported herself by daily manual labor till she died, about fourteen years ago.