

30 give us a marriage certificate.

(Q) 31 Did you and Benjamin Adams ever
32 have a marriage ceremony performed
33 by any one else than Father Nally

(A) 34 No, we were not married by any
35 other minister, but I now show
36 you a contract which Benjamin Adams
37 and myself entered into April 27th 1898
38 in the presence of Samuel Appelder a
39 justice of the peace in this city and we
40 both signed the contract and swore
41 to it. We had not lived together before
42 the signing of this paper (as man & wife) but we
43 did live as man and wife after the signing
44 of the paper by us. The reason we did
45 not get married in the regular way
46 was that my husband Charles Howard
47 was then living. Later on - but I do not
48 remember in what year - Charles Howard
49 died and then we went to Father Nally
50 and got married in the regular way.
51 You can take the contract entered into
52 between Benjamin Adams & myself before
53 Samuel Appelder, J. P. but I would like
54 it returned to me.

55 I now will apply for pension as the
56 widow of Benjamin Adams or even the
57 accrued pension that was due him when
58 he died.

59 I have now heard read the
60 deposition of Father Nally, in which
61 he says that he has no record of

Matilda Adams

Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May
19010, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

E. E. Hope

Special Examiner.