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Hon. Jas. M. Reynolds,  
Asst. Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:—

I beg to submit an Appeal  
in the case of Claim # 556156 by Alice  
Barker widow of Adam Barker, Late Co. F  
30<sup>th</sup> U.S.C. Troops, for Pension, Act June 27<sup>th</sup> 1890,  
rejected on the ground "that claimant  
"did not marry soldier until after the  
"passage of said Act;" when as a  
matter of fact the claimant and soldier  
had been married to all intents and  
purposes, not only prior to June 27<sup>th</sup> 1890  
but prior to emancipation and in fact  
from the year 1859 that is the claimant  
and deceased soldier in question, that is  
"they lived together as man and wife and  
"habitually recognized each other as