

The testimony does not satisfactorily show that claimant and soldier lived together as wife and husband prior to his service, but it does show that while he was away she had a child which he acknowledged as his and that they lived together as husband and wife from his discharge till his death. I therefore think Sec. 4705 applicable, and the marriage September 10, 1891, only strengthens the presumption of their former relation as man and wife.

I regard this claim as a meritorious one.

I recommend admission and acceptance of the following as dates of birth of the children claimed for:

Moses, January 1, 1879.

Jacob, June 30, 1882.

Elijah Adam, May 4, 1883.

Very respectfully,
E. A. Walley
Special Examiner