

solved by an absolute divorce obtained by her prior to the soldier's death.

The claimant Margaret is insane and is confined in the asylum at Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md. The application in her behalf was made by Ada Chambers, who signed the application as committee, but there is no evidence on file showing her appointment to that position. In the declaration the averment is made that Margaret Burnett and George Chambers were married in Baltimore, Md., on March 23, 1873, neither party having been previously married. In corroboration of the allegations made as to the marriage, there has been filed a certified transcript from the records of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, Md., showing that on March 11, 1873, George W. Chambers, of Baltimore, and Margaret Burnett, of the same place, were married by the Rev. Philip Scott, and there were also filed the affidavit of William H. Jackson and Charles Robison, each of whom testified as to the non-prior marriage of the soldier; but no evidence has been submitted as to whether or not the claimant Margaret had been previously married.

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The witness Charles Robison in a deposition before the special examiner stated that he does not know wheth-