

DEPOSITION

Case of Harriet Wesley Vol. No. 589.452

On this 11 day of January, 1898, at
Baltimore, county of _____
 State of MD, before me, W. H. Lockwood, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

David L. DeCoursey, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: That his
 age is 67 years; post-office address, 441 Orchard St
this city; occupation, local deacon
St Johns M. E. Church on Lexington St.

I knew the soldier John Wesley before the
 war it must have been after he had
 married Caroline his first wife for some
 of his children were little at that time.

His acquaintance has continued up to the
 time of her death. I buried her but can't
 quite locate the date but think it was near
 10 years ago. I was acquainted with the
 time the soldier left this wife and married
 this claimant, about July 9, 1878 while the
 first wife was still living - this wife was
 a member of my church and came close
 up to the time of her death. I would say she
 was an estimable woman and don't think
 she gave him any cause for leaving her.

I feel sure there was never any divorce
 between the soldier & this wife Caroline.

It is my opinion that this marriage which
 took place in slave times was lawful & legal.

I am not related in any way - became
 acquainted with them from association in
 church. Their children by this wife are all
 good showing they had a good mother as I
 knew Caroline to be.

Questions understood and answers recorded correctly

David L. DeCoursey

Deponent