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and mother were slaves and were raised and married in Anne Arundel County, Maryland; that they were married by Cato Blake by certificate, who is now dead; that they lived together as man and wife up to about twenty years ago and there are four children living who were all born before he went into the army except Andrew Wesley; that the names of the children are herself, the oldest, Stephen George Wesley, Mrs. Josephine Henson and Andrew Wesley; that the soldier did not leave her mother long before he married this claimant, July 9, 1878; that her mother was living at the time he married the claimant and they were not divorced; that her mother, Caroline Wesley, died at 509 Oxford Street, February 16, 1888, and she knows from her certain knowledge that her mother was never divorced from her father up to his death; that he married this claimant about ten years before she died; that they never knew that her father was really married until after the death of her mother, and supposed he was living with claimant without marriage; that his marriage license read that he was a widower because it was the only way he could obtain a license; that they have old ministers in Baltimore who knew that her father and mother were lawfully married by the slave law; that she knows that her father, the soldier, John Wesley, married her mother, Caroline, according to the usages