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and requirements of slave marriages in the latter part of 1853; that they were married by Cato Blake and lived together before his enlistment in the army and after his return from the army and had three children after his discharge; that they lived together at least ten years after the war as man and wife; that he then left her mother and took up with this claimant long before her mother died; that she knows of her mother having collected bounty sums before he left her but can't recall the process she went through to obtain such sums; that a man by the name of Colonel Craiger did the business for her and she remembers of his paying her some money on this account; that she don't recall that she ever conformed to the requirements of the Maryland laws to make her slave marriage valid; that she never heard any thing about it, but thinks if she had done so she would have known of it as she was the oldest child and was familiar with all the circumstances connected with her father leaving her mother; that after he had taken up with this claimant he had three children by her before the death of her mother; that the certificate by which her father and mother were married was lost during the war and afterward she got a copy which she used in getting her bounty money and thinks the copy is now in the possession of her oldest brother, George.