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mental examination) which shows that they were married by Cato Blake, first day of - - - 1854 (the deponent here showed the Special Examiner the certificate in question which he states seems to be a copy, the month not given); that he has no knowledge of their ever having conformed to the laws of the state of Maryland to make this marriage valid; that he also has in his possession a power of attorney given by his father in 1865 to his mother to draw such bounty money as was due him, but he has no knowledge whether she ever applied for or drew any sums on account of the army service of his father.

David L. De Coursey testifies that he is local deacon of St. John's M. E. Church on Lexington Street, Baltimore; that he knew the soldier, John Wesley, before the war and it must have been after he married Caroline, his first wife, for some of his children were little at the time; that he buried her but can't quite recollect the date but thinks it was near ten years ago; that he was acquainted with the soldier who left his wife and married the claimant about July 9, 1878, while the first wife was still living; that this wife was a member of his church and same class up to the time of her death; that she was an estimable woman and does not think she gave him any cause for leaving her and feels sure there