

cannot do that now. There is no person living here who can testify as to George's health until just a few years before he died, as he did not live here, and only came on a visit to see me once in a while.

Q How many times was your son married?
A Only once, to Olivia Hawkins.

Q I have a letter here written by your son, or for your son dated March 14th 1882, addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions, in which he speaks of his family as being sick and in need of money. How do you explain that part which refers to his family?
A I cannot; He had no wife and no children when he died, and had had none since Olivia's death. Just before his death he lived or boarded with Dan Lawry's wife, whose maiden name was Martha Booker, both are dead now. She was separated from her husband, but my son was not married to her. In April 1895, when I went before the Squire in Baltimore Md and made an affidavit, he told me that a woman, he did not know had been to see him, to get my son's pension, and he threatened to have her arrested, I don't know who she was. My answers to questions asked have been correctly recorded in this deposition.

Hester W Bowman
Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of May 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

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Special Examiner.

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