

30 of marriage of John C. Bailey to this claimant and upon
 31 search of our records nothing could be found but the
 32 record of the issuance of the license on December 22nd, 1890.
 33 Then Mr. Fowler came back to the office later with the
 34 Coupon of the minister's certificate of said marriage which
 35 I recognized as genuine and I then completed our records
 36 here showing the date of the marriage. It would seem that
 37 the minister failed to return his Coupon, or Certificate, to
 38 this office & the Certificate, or Coupon, which was for the
 39 Contracting parties was the one Mr. Fowler brought here,
 40 as stated. Yes, I have that Certificate, or Coupon, here on
 41 file in this office. As it is a part of the official files
 42 of the office, I have no authority, to let it out of my custody,
 43 but I have with me to you for inspection. [Certificate, or
 44 Coupon, has handed to the Special Examiner who makes the
 45 following copy thereof: "I hereby certify that on the 22nd"
 46 "day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, at "
 47 "Chesterton, the Parsonage, John C. Bailey and Jennie Giles"
 48 "were by me united in marriage in accordance with the "
 49 "license issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County,"
 50 "in the State of Maryland." H. D. W. Schuerman,"
 51 "Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church."]

52 Oh! Yes, I recognize that as a genuine minister's return
 53 of the marriage in question. This definition has been
 54 read to me, I have understood the questions asked and my
 55 answers are correctly recorded herein.

56 *Lawson L. Russell*
 57 *Deputy Clerk*

Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January
 1912, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

L. C. Walsh
 Special Examiner.