

name of Bush, but that is not right. - Sister was my maiden name. I cannot give you the name of any one who could say that I was not married to Bush. There was no ceremony performed at the time Bush and I began living together. I was about 15 years old then and my mother gave ~~me~~ a party that night and then Bush and I slept together and we continued in this relation at my mother's home about six months or so, when he went away among the soldiers and I have never seen or heard of him since. I do not know whether he ever came out of the war. There was no minister or magistrate present that night - no ceremony only the party, but my father and mother and master and mistress all knew about it and were all willing for us to appear together and stay together as husband and wife. The child, Sarah, was born ^{before} ~~after~~ Bush and I separated. The fact is, though I did not want to tell you, that Bush and I had been intimate before that night, and when it appeared to my father and mother and others who knew us that a child would be the result of this intimacy, they said he should take care of me and the child, and so they made this party for us and brought us together and said we might live together thenceforth as husband and wife, and we did live together in this relation at my

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