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now is.

It was about 5 years ago when they were baptized, and the entries made.

There is "no church record of the date of birth of any of my children, if the minister who read baptized the two youngest made any record it must have been in his "private books". There was no record made at the church. Samuel Garfield is the correct name of the oldest child claimed for; he is usually called Garfield - hence that is the name given in my declaration. Walter and Lily both have middle names - but Mr Straughn who filled out my application for pension for me was very old - and hence the mistake of not giving the full names.

The ages I have given you I know are correct - and the minors claimed for are all living.

The mistakes as to ages given in my declaration are due to Mr Straughn not understanding me - I gave him the ages of each child at its last birth day - and I suppose he did not calculate right in making out the paper. And when he asked me again about their ages I told him as I did in the first place; and when he asked me if I had the ages recorded in the bible I said I had none of them - so he asked me to bring the bible, which I did.

I never claimed I had the ages of all the children in the bible and if he so wrote it is his, not my mistake.

Q By whom can you show the date of birth of each of the children claimed for?

A A physician who was present at the birth of two of the children Lily & Sarah D. Carroll was present at Sarah's birth.