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puty you did not stay at home,
 He says yes, I am almost gone
 and am willing to go;

He asked me about my son
 Fred and my daughter Ellen
 and about his mother and all
 the folks up here.

He was at one time engaged
 to be married to my daughter.
 I can't tell whether it was before
 or after his service; I don't
 know what was the cause of
 the breaking of the engagement.

Some little & that I suppose
 I never heard of him going to
 see any body else.

I never heard that he was
 married; I asked him that.

I says Nelson, since you come
 down here you aint tangled
 up with any body. He says
 No, indeed, I aint Rachel.

I never married, and you know
 I aint never going to now.

I asked him that more in
 a joke. I did not think he was
 married.

A friend of mine Ann Blow
 a colored woman knew him well
 in Washington. She had a
 son afflicted son Albert Blow,
 attest

Test.

X

Rachel ^{her} Lester
 mark

Deponent.

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