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Review Division
 Orig. 1165252 & DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 Orig. 1134289
 Contesting widows BUREAU OF PENSIONS
 James Wilson
 Co. H 7 U.S.C Inf. WASHINGTON



May 6, 1921.

The Chief of the
Special Examination Division.

Special examination is desired to determine which of the contesting claimants is the legal widow of the soldier.

The claimant Agnes alleges marriage to the soldier in this city under the name of Agnes V. Mason on or about 1873 and that he was married to a woman unknown to her in 1900. No evidence has been filed in her claim.

The claimant Annie E. alleges in her declaration that she married the soldier under the name of Annie E. Moore in Baltimore, Maryland on May 6, 1880 and that neither had been previously married. She furnished her alleged marriage certificate showing that James Wilson and Annie E. Moore were married May 6, 1880 by Rev. Robert Steele and record evidence of the marriage of one James Wilson, widower and Agnes Mason, widow, both colored, in Baltimore on May 6, 1880 by Rev. Robert Steele and the Bureau has been advised that the public records of Baltimore do not show the marriage of James Wilson to Annie Moore on the date above named.

The soldier in his marriage circular represents marriage to Annie E., whose maiden name was Moore, in May, 1880 and represents that neither had been previously married but admitted that he was the father of four children who were born before he married said Annie Moore.

Papers in the case indicate that soldier was first married to Agnes Mason in 1872; that she left him in less than a month thereafter; that about twelve months later, he took up with one Sarah Curtis and lived with

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