

26 little settlement of Colesburg. My sister, Sophia Ann  
 27 Chamber, a widow, lives down at Perryville, this County.  
 28 The only other witness present at said marriage, now  
 29 living, is Anne Cooper, wife of "Red" Cooper, she  
 30 lives right here in this settlement. No Sir, I can't re-  
 31 member the month in which I was married. I can  
 32 only say, it was still mild weather and it was in  
 33 the fall of the year. No Sir, I have no Bible record of  
 34 my said marriage. As near as I can remember now, I  
 35 think he had been here for the very short time shortly  
 36 when we were married. All during our married life  
 37 together, we lived right here in this little settlement.  
 38 I never had any children. My said husband was born  
 39 and raised right here. I was born and raised right  
 40 here too. Oh! we had never each other since childhood.  
 41 We were engaged to be married before he went to the  
 42 war and when he was home on furlough we intended  
 43 to get married, but we put it off until he came home  
 44 for good. Yes Sir, my said husband and I lived together  
 45 continuously as man and wife from the date of our  
 46 marriage to each other to his death. Bill Cooper and  
 47 his wife, Anne Cooper, Seabell Jones, Moses Taylor, still  
 48 living, all knew me before my marriage, and those  
 49 some parties also knew my said husband before he  
 50 married me. They all live in this little settlement.  
 Q. 51 You filed a statement in your claim [B. J. 2] purporting  
 52 to be a copy of your marriage certificate, in which it  
 53 is set forth that you were married to John W. Owens  
 54 on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1867 by the Rev. Wm. Gailey. Now,  
 55 on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1898, the said Jno. W. Owens stated  
 56 that he married Lucy Clark in 1865 and that the  
 57 marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry  
 58 Nelson. How do you account for those discrepancies  
 59 as to time of marriage and the name of the minister  
 60 who performed the ceremony. [See former answer, B. J. 9]  
 A. 61 Oh! that is all wrong. My husband got that wrong  
 62 name. My Henry Nelson was an old Colonel minister  
 63 here when I was a child and he died long before