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to her marriage and this writing, or memorandum, the said Notary distorted, for the purpose of meeting the requirements as to Evidence, into a pretended Certificate of marriage.

The reputation of said Claimant for truth, & her reputation generally, may be said to be good.

The witnesses in the premises are, for the most part, simple, honest colored folk and their testimony, herewith, may be accepted.

The actual fact of the Ceremonial marriage of the Claimant to the soldier cannot be established either by record or force testimony.

It has been definitely shown, however, that neither party had been married previously, that they lived in the marital relation with each other continuously from about 1866 to the death of said Soldier and that said Claimant has not remarried, or otherwise forfeited title.

Wherefore, all available sources of information having been exhausted, I respectfully submit the papers for the consideration, Chief, Board, of Review.

Very respectfully,

L. C. Walsh,

Special Examiner.