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Affiant further states that he knew both of said parties from their youth up, and knows that neither of them had been previously married.

February 19, 1909.

The Auditor

for the War Department.

Sir:-

In response to your call of the 8th, received the 10th instant (GMH.326-336,482), relative to the case of Ellen Nelson, of Baltimore, Maryland, widow of William H. Nelson, late of Co. I, 4" U.S.C. Infantry, Cert. #532,993, you are advised as follows:

Charles R. Favour, of Sykesville, Maryland, testified, June 18, 1901, that he saw the dead body of William H. Nelson, who had died on September 3, 1900, at Sykesville, Maryland.

Similar testimony is given by Charles H. Weir, of Sykesville, Maryland, in his affidavit of even date.

The Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore, Maryland, certified, under the seal of his office, that on April 7, 1868, a license was issued out of his office directing Rev. Hubbard, or any other person qualified by law, to celebrate the rites of matrimony between William H. Nelson, colored, and Ellen Turner, colored.

Joseph Baker, of Baltimore, Maryland, testified, June 26, 1901, that he was groomsman at the wedding ceremony uniting William H. Nelson and Ellen Turner in April, 1868; that the ceremony was performed by Rev. John J. Hubbard, a Methodist minister.