

She Hon,

Christopher C. Leary }  
Pension Commissioner }

Sir: I desire with your permission to answer Circular No 17, in the very best manner I can first; My husband James Moore, and myself were both slaves, and owned respectively as follows.

James Moore belonged to Jos. Harrison and I belonged to Major John Dawson, both of Talbot Co. Md.

The Minister that married us was the Rev. James Massey he never gave us a marriage Certificate, nor was the marriage ever recorded in a Church record, and but one person is living who saw us married,

Permit me to offer the following as answer to No 28, as the Mother of the Children, I have given very correctly their names, and the Month of their Ages, but I am very sure I could not give the date of the same, I have abandoned none of them, they are all under my care and except what they can earn, which is not much, I have to work very hard to obtain a scanty livelihood.

My husband was never married before, consequently left no children but mine, - my four eldest children were baptized and christened, - the two eldest by a colored Preacher on the Camp Ground at Royal Oak, Talbot County Md., the next two eldest by a White minister, the two youngest have not been christened yet, I desire respectfully to state, that I have not remarried since my husband's death, but remain, and am this day his widow,

I offer the following, as the very best answer I possibly can, to Circular No 9, my husband, was a man of good