

Claim No. 430809 of Wm. Wells, late private of Co 19 Regiment, U. S. Inf. Volunteers.

State of Maine County of Queen Anne, Coatesville  
On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1890, before me, a Justice of the Peace  
and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jamie K Brown and Mary C Sutton, the former  
residing at Berthville of aforesaid and the latter at Baltimore but now residing at Coatesville  
State of Maine and to me well known, and whom I certify to be respectable and intelligent, and  
entitled to full credit and belief, and who being duly sworn according to law and thus deposed: Jamie K Brown  
my age is 46 years and I reside as above stated. at Coatesville, Queen Anne's County,

Maine. I know Rosetta Wells. Before the war she belonged to my mother  
Salie E Bryan and myself. She lived in the family until sometime after the  
war commenced. I knew William Wells. While Rosetta Johnson was a servant  
in the family then living at Lacustrum, Queen Anne's County of aforesaid.  
William Wells courted and married her. I was present and witnessed  
the marriage ceremony. They lived as man and wife thereafter for many years  
the remaining in the family and having several children. The  
marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Merritt of the Methodist  
Episcopal Church in the presence of my grandmother now deceased, my mother  
now deceased and myself & others, some of whom are living in this County  
at this time and others in Baltimore City. Mrs Mary C Sutton then  
lived in our family and witnessed the marriage.

Mary C Sutton departs and says I reside on Myrtle Avenue  
Baltimore City, 3<sup>rd</sup> door from Lacustrum, in family of J. William  
Stearns - in 1855 & 1856 lived in the family of the grandmother and  
mother of Mrs Jamie K Brown at Lacustrum and while there  
witnessed the marriage of Rosetta Johnson with William Wells.  
Rosetta a slave as she was called lived in the family as a  
house servant. She was daughter of an Sallie Ann Johnson, now called  
Ann Hadleton who resides in Queen Anne's County at this time.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev James K  
Merritt of Methodist Episcopal Church, about 1855, at Lacustrum,  
Queen Anne's County, Maine. I was present at the marriage -  
also Mrs Jamie K Brown then a child - also Mother and  
grandmother of Mrs Brown. I am now fifty four years  
of age. Rosetta Johnson lived for several years after war  
in family of mother of Mrs Brown by book and had several  
children - William Wells and Rosetta Wells formerly  
Rosetta Johnson after emancipation & after the war removed to Balti-  
more a Baltimore County.

and I have no interest in the above designated claim.  
Test: \_\_\_\_\_  
[When witnesses sign by mark, two persons who can write must sign here.]

Jamie K Brown  
Mary C Sutton  
Signature of Witness.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1890, and I hereby  
certify that the contents of the above declaration or statement were fully made known and explained to the  
affiant \_\_\_\_\_ before them making oath thereto, (including the words \_\_\_\_\_  
erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added,) and that I have no interest,  
direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.  
John E. Hasman  
[Official Signature]