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not previously married and has not remarried.

As to the prior marriage of the soldier I have had this claim before me a long time while making efforts to find those who knew him prior to his marriage to the claimant. He was born ten or fifteen miles south of Baltimore in Anne Arundel Co.; was not a slave, but was bound out until he was twenty-one years of age. He then came to Baltimore where he remained until his marriage to claimant, and where they continued to live until he enlisted in the service. He was born about 1823, and married the claimant about 1852, and was therefore about 29 years of age when they were married, and about 41 years old when he enlisted.

Down in Somerset County, Md. where the claimant was born and raised, and where she married the soldier, there was a "rumor floating around" that he had been previously married, or had been living with some woman prior to his marriage to the claimant, but I have not been able to secure