

I can prove the fact that I was married in times of slavery to my husband and ever after lived with my husband as his wife and was neither of us ever married to any body else by my sister Rebecca Dugger Elliott City Md. and also by the clerk of the County Court John Owens at Elliott City Md. and also by Phillip Nines Sullivan Place this City. These witnesses will know of the fact that neither my husband or myself were ever married but the ~~once~~ one time or should say before the war and after wards ratified as stated above.

While my husband was a slave there were two men by the same name of James working on the same farm and to distinguish them my husband was called James W. and he enlisted in the army under this name and ever after went by this name to the time we were again married and then he ~~was~~ <sup>gave his</sup> christened <sup>name</sup> as James Thomas. I know this was his full name at time he was christened at time he was born. I know the names are identical as my husband and one and the same. When I first married the soldier I was 18 years of age. and when I first knew the soldier he was already grown but not more than about 6 years older than I was. My husband could write his name. At time my husband died I did not have any money or property in fact not a cent. and am obliged to depend upon my own labor. I make my home with my married daughter. At time my husband made application for increase of pension July 24. 1897 I know he was suffering from Rheumatism in the legs. they were badly swollen and burst