

Case of Caroline Carson,

No. 1066,472.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1918, at Lake Providence  
county of East Carroll, State of La. before me,

J. B. Steed, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,  
personally appeared Clora Atlass, who, being by me first  
duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her  
during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,  
deposes and says:

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1 I am about 65 years of age; P.O. Lake Providence, La.

2 I am the wife of King Atlass and we farm.

3 I know Caroline Carson, the widow of Lewis Carson. My aunt

4 Caroline has made her home with me and my husband most of the

5 time since her husband died. Lewis Carson died in Lake Providence

6 about the 25th day of April 1916, and I saw his corpse after his

7 death. I attended the funeral services. I know that my aunt

8 Caroline was not married after the death of her husband. My aunt

9 Caroline belonged to Mrs. Eliza Bush before the Civil War and so

10 did my mother. My mother was an own sister, they told me to my

11 aunt Caroline Carson. I think mother was a Russell before she

12 married my father who was an Evans, but father died when I was

13 quite young. Mother has been dead for some years.

14 I have been told that my aunt Caroline had a husband before the

15 war but I cannot remember much about him. I think his name was

16 Lewis Campbell, and I used to hear mother and my aunt Caroline

17 speak of Lewis Campbell and they said he died on the Bellmead

18 plantation either before or just after the war broke out and I

19 forget which. I know that he died there on the Bellmead place

20 and it seems now that I saw them taking his body to the grave-

21 yard there on the place. My aunt Caroline I know did not have

22 any man after Lewis Campbell died until she married Lewis Carson.

23 I think she married Carson right away after the close of the war

24 and they were married on the Elton place over on the river and

25 mother and I then lived on the Bellmead place. I did not see

26 them married but heard of it at the time it took place. I am

27 sure that they were married for there was considerable talk



at the time about their being married, and I am sure they were. I have heard the old folks say they were married. Mother and I used to visit them on the Elton place and they were then living together as man and wife and they said they had been married by a man they called William Smith, and I used to know him many years ago. He used to marry the colored folks in that part of the country. No, I never knew of my aunt Caroline being separated from her husband from the time they were said to have been married till death took my uncle Lewis Carson. My aunt Caroline has not been the same woman since she lost her husband. She is almost blind and is perfectly helpless as you know by looking at her. Myself and husband have to look after her and give her her support.

I am not interested in the case more than I can help, and I certainly would not make a wrong statement for her. I have heard this statement read and it is correct as written.

Attest.

*R. S. Kennedy*  
*J. H. Palmer*

her  
Clora X Atlass.  
mark.

Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 7, day of May 1918, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*J. B. Ford*  
Special Examiner.