

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 Clara Atlasc, 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:

1 I am about 65 years of age; P.O. Lake Providence, La.  
2 I am the wife of King Atlasc 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

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

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

44 Attest. *R. S. Kennedy* her  
 45 *J. H. Palmer* Clora X Atlass.  
 46 mark.  
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 48 Deponent.

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

*J. B. Fred*  
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 Special Examiner.

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