

Case of Caroline Carson,

No. 1066,472.

On this 7th 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 King Atlass, who, being by me first
duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him
during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,
deposes and says:

1 I am 75 years of age: P.O. address Lake Providence, La.
2 I am farming and have lived in and close around Lake Providenc
3 pretty much all of my days.
4 I knew Lewis Carson quite well for years before he died.
5 Lewis Carson died in Lake Providence, but I forget the date
6 of his death but I saw his body after he died. He was an
7 old soldier and he left a widow at his death, Caroline Carson,
8 and she lives most of the time with me and my wife. My wife
9 is a niece of Caroline Carson. When I first knew Lewis
10 Carson he was living on Elton on the Mississippi River a few
11 miles North of Providence and he had no wife then. That was
12 just after he had come out of the army and he had no wife
13 then. I think it was some time in the year 1866, when I first
14 met Lewis Carson and he told me that he was just out of the
15 army and he had come on the Elton place with quite a lot of
16 others who had also been in the army. I think the most of
17 those who came ther~~at~~ the time are dead. I do not know of
18 any of them now living. Lewis Carson was married there on
19 the Elton place the same year that I got acquainted with him
20 and he married Caroline Carson, but she was not a Carson
21 when he married and I do not know who she was when she was
22 married to Carson. I knew Caroline after she married Carson
23 but not before then. I did not see them married but heard
24 of thier being married and I suppose they were married. I
25 do not know when they were married or who married them but
26 I heard that a colored man named William Smith married them
27 and he was a justice of the peace in those days and married

28 quite a number of colored people along in those days.
 29 William Smith got killed there in Lake Providence some
 30 years ago and I was there in town the time he was killed.
 31 I know that Lewis Carson and his wife Caroline lived together
 32 for years as husband and wife and I took them for man and wife
 33 and so did most every one that knew them. They were living
 34 together when Lewis Carson died and his wife Caroline mourned
 35 his death as his widow and she has not remarried since her
 36 husband died. She is getting old and is about blind and she
 37 has to depend on me and my wife and others for her support.

38 I know that Lewis Carson always regarded Caroline as being
 39 his lawful wife. He told me many times that they were married
 40 and that she was his first wife. He said he never had any
 41 other wife. I think he said he came from Alabama either just
 42 before the war came on or while the war was going. He never
 43 had any folks in this country that I know of and never heard
 44 him speak of his folks at any time.

45 I have no financial interest in this case, I have heard this
 46 statement read and it is correct.

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 King X Atlas.
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47 Attest.

L. B. Atlas

Susie Atlas

 Deponent

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

J. B. Steed

 Special Examiner.

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