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Case of Mission of Thomas B. Walker, No. 414690

On this 17 day of August, 1897, at
New Birds Creek County of Anderson
State of Tennessee before me, Jesse T. Chism, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Melinda Cox,
who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid
pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 47 years. I was taught from
childhood by my parents, that I was born on the 9 day
of April 1850. I am the wife of Charles Cox. P.D. address,
Birds Creek, Tenn. My maiden name was Melinda
Walker. My father was Thomas B. Walker, my mother
was his wife Elizabeth Walker whose maiden name
was Elizabeth Nash. I understood from my mother that
she was not married previous to the time she married
my father. I understood from some persons that my father
had been married before he was married to mother, and
after I learned that from others, not now remembered I
heard my father and mother speak of the subject.
I got the understanding that my father married a
woman in Powell Valley named Rogers, did not have
any issue, that she had one child by my father
and after that they parted I don't know whether she left
him or he left her. I don't know where she went after the
separation. I got the understanding that she left the child with
my father, and that he took the child to his father in
St. Louis Mo. and left it there, and after leaving the
child at St. Louis he returned and was married to my
mother. No I can't give the date of mother's marriage to my
father. No I don't know whether my father was divorced from
his first wife. If I ever heard of such divorce I have forgotten
it. I heard my parents speak of the death of his first wife
never heard them say whether it was before or after my mother
married to my father. I naturally supposed that the first
wife died before my father was married to my mother.