

At the same place, and on the 31st day of July, 1907, in the presence of the same counsel of both parties, Henrietta Biser, a witness on behalf of the Claimant, was produced, and having been by me in like manner duly sworn, deposed and said that his name is Henrietta Biser, that his occupation is that of House - keeper; that he is 65 years of age; that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim which is the subject of inquiry in said cause, and that he is not related to claimant.

And thereupon the said Henrietta Biser was examined by the counsel for the Claimant, and in answer to interrogatories testified as follows:

Q. Where did you live during the Civil War ?

A. About 3 miles from Burkittsville, Md.

Q. What if any thing was your connection with the Reformed Church at that time ?

A. I attended Church in that Church from the time I was a little girl. I became a member of that Church 2 or 3 years before the Civil War.

Q. State what if any thing you know as to the occupation of, or injury to that Church by any military forces at any time during the Civil War ?

A. I know they had soldiers in it and used it as a Hospital right after the battle of South Mountain in 1862. I was first in the Church

Q. Within a day or a couple of days after the soldiers were first placed in it. I saw a table standing in the alter of the church, and they were amputating a limb in the church. they were soldiers laying all around in the church. I also saw a pile of amputated limbs lying just inside of the door of the Church. The blood where they were amputating limbs was running down over the floor, and things were torn to pieces. The seats were taken away, and the soldiers were lying on the floor in rows. I think the carpet was all down and they were lying on the carpet. The Church had two kinds before this occupation, Brussels and ingrane. There was brussels carpet on the pulpit platform and within the alter rail within the pulpit. There was also some kind of carpet in fron of the pews and each side of the alter rail, but I am not certain weather it was brussel or ingrane. There was also

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There was also a strip down each
These carpets were both bought at the time we repaired the Church in 1860 . I do not know and cannot estimate the cost of either of those carpets.

Q. State whether or not the Reformed Church of Burkittsville , as Church organization , rendered any aid to the Confederacy during the civil war.

A. Oh no, not that I know of.

Cross examination by Mr. Lamar.

Q. How much space was enclosed in the Alter rail and pulpit platform which you say was covered by brussel carpet ?

A. That space would be about 18 feet square .

Examination by the counsel having been concluded, the witness being asked whether she knew of any other matter pertaining to this cause which she has not stated , answered that she did not except that th she is certain that the brussels carpet within the alter rail was down at the time she saw the blood running down from the amputation table and it was running under the carpet. she knows that a portion of the carpet was never used again , was not fit to use, and whether any

portion was used again she is not certain. *Henrietta Bisco*
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