

January 31, 1939

Mr. Robert E. Williams
Funeral Director
1515 McElderry Street
Baltimore, Maryland

MBAG 7-3

SMOTHERS, John
XC-2,538,128

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your application for accrued pension due in the case of the above named deceased veteran.

It is desired to inform you that pension accruing from the date of last payment to the date of the pensioner's death is not an asset of the estate, it is not payable to heirs, and it is not liable for debts, but may, under certain conditions, be paid to the person who bore the expenses of last illness and burial of the deceased veteran, or who is responsible therefor in the event that the deceased did not leave sufficient funds to meet such expenses.

Therefore, in view of the above, the Veterans' Administration regrets that it is without authority to consider your claim for this benefit. However, there is enclosed for your information a copy of a communication addressed to Mrs. Viola Johnson, 619 North Bethel Street, Baltimore, Maryland, which is self-explanatory.

All communications relative to this case should bear the name of the veteran and refer to the number XC-2,538,128.

Respectfully

E. L. BAILEY
Director
Dependents Claims Service

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