

January 24, 1939

Mrs. Viola Johnson  
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Baltimore, Maryland

SMITHSON, John  
IC 2,538,188

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to your letter dated December 20, 1938, which was addressed to the Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and your communication of January 7, 1939 to this office, relative to your entitlement to death benefits as grand-child of the above named deceased Civil War veteran.

You are informed there is no provision under existing laws whereby the grand-child of a Civil War veteran would be entitled to death pension based upon the veteran's service. The Veterans Administration is, therefore, without authority to award death pension in your favor.

All communications relative to this case should bear the veteran's name and refer to the number IC 2,538,188.

Respectfully

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E. L. BAILEY  
Director  
Dependents Claims Service

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