

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Baltimore Md, May 9, 1917

Hon Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return the papers in claim No 1,071,785 Margaret E. Brown, widow of Garrett Brown, Co A 19 U.S.C. Inf, and to submit my report thereon. This claim was referred to the S.E. Division to determine whether claimant has remarried since the death of soldier or forfeited title otherwise, and to verify incidentally the testimony filed as to no other prior marriage on the part of either soldier or claimant, and the case was taken up after the usual notice and explanation of privileges which were waived.

Claimant is of fair standing, as may also be said of the witnesses, and the latter showed no undue bias in her behalf. The evidence was read to her at the close of the examination. I made careful and discreet inquiry as to forfeiture on account of immorality and failed to learn anything which reflected on claimant in that respect. Louis Edwards is dead, and Emma Brown is in Anne Arundel County Md. William W. Madden could not be seen without a second call at his residence, which seemed to be unnecessary, as the testimony of other witnesses covers the point he testified to.

Claimant resided in the 6th ward of Baltimore in 1870 and 1880, according to a map of the city for that period in my possession. The precinct cannot be definitely determined.

The claim is submitted for consideration of Chief, Board of Review.

Very respectfully,

*W. F. Stoval*

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Special Examiner.