

of her pension check of \$38.00 a month. The widow protested in no uncertain terms against Harriet Bennett's interference, and stated that she would go anywhere to live rather than with her step-daughter.

Florence Williams, who addressed the Bureau, dating her letter January 14, 1934, but received in Washington on ~~the~~ date which indicated that the date should have been January 14, 1935, separated from her husband, Jesse Williams, three or four years ago and for some time past has had her mail addressed to 1525 East Chase Street, this city. An apartment at this address is occupied by a colored woman from North Carolina named Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman. It was stated on good authority that both Elizabeth Pittman and Florence Williams are women of immoral character. At any rate, Florence Williams has no home of her own and has no visible means of support. It is noted that in the fourth paragraph of her letter above referred to, that she states in part as follows: "I am willing to launch a small apartment and take her with me, but it will be living in her funds." Investigation makes it apparent that this is the real purpose of Florence Williams' desire to take the above named veteran's widow with her, i.e. in order to obtain possession of the widow's income.

The investigation developed that Sarah Bennett, who said that she was seventy-nine years of age, has been living during the past four years with Mrs. Frances Tate, and her husband, Simond Tate, respectable colored people, who are legally married, at 937 Sterling Street. They have one child eight years of age. Although the widow appeared to be senile and did some muttering to herself, nevertheless had decided opinions of what she desired, seemed to be living comfortably and happily under the arrangements I found. She did not desire to have any change made and it appears to your examiner that for \$38.00 a month the widow was receiving in the way of comforts and attention all that could be expected of this amount of money under the circumstances.

The widow lived in a room at 937 Sterling Street, the rest of the house being occupied by Mrs. Tate, for which the widow paid rent directly to a landlord and not to Mrs. Tate. The rent for the room was \$6.00 a month. The widow had a stove of her own in this room and at times would cook something special for herself, so that the stove was used both for heating and at times cooking. As a regular thing, however, the widow ate with Mrs. Tate and her family. It appears that she paid no regular board for this but furnished food, which she purchased from the groceryman, Mr. Frank Settelman, 938 Sterling Street. The widow was suffering from a tumor and her condition was such that she could not wash herself and Mrs. Tate regularly bathed her and looked after her physical needs. Mrs. Tate and her family all looked well fed and it appears that anyone eating at her table would get enough to eat. At least the widow stated that she got all that she wanted to eat and more. The groceryman stated that the widow purchased more or less regularly about three dollars worth of patent medicines from him a month and that he also paid for her one dollar a