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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Cert. No. 1,001,778

John A. Smith, alias,

James A. Reynolds,

F, 9 U. S. C. Inf.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23, 1914.

Mr. John A. Smith,

2233 Division st.,

Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR:

Your claim for pension under the act of May 11, 1912, in which you allege that you are 72 years of age, and that you were born July 4, 1841, requires proof of the date of your birth.

If there is a public or church record of your birth, you should forward a copy of such record, under the oath or the seal of the officer who furnishes you the copy.

If there is no public or church record, and a Bible or other family record is furnished, the officer (clerk of court, notary public, or justice of the peace) certifying to the same should state in what year the Bible or other book in which the record of your birth appears was printed, whether the record bears any marks of erasure or alteration, and whether from the appearance of the writing he (the officer) believes the entries to have been made recently or years ago.

If you are unable to furnish any of the evidence indicated, you should state that fact, and the reasons why you are unable to furnish it, under oath; ~~and furnish instead thereof the name of the town or township, county, and State in which you resided during the years 1850 and 1860, and the names in full of your parents, or, if you did not live with them, the names of the persons with whom you did live during those years.~~

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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