

FINANCE DIVISION.

9-1887.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON.

March 31, 1909.

Miss Louise Dutton,

Baltimore, Md.

Madam:

Referring to your claim for reimbursement in the case of your brother, Richard Dutton, pensioner by Certificate No. 666,200, you should state with the return of this letter, the date when the soldier's wife, Jane Dutton, deserted him, where they were living at the time, where she was last heard of and her present whereabouts. You should also state whether your brother, the soldier, was a freeman or slave, whether he was married by a religious ceremony or otherwise, and what has become of the soldier's children. It is desired that you furnish this Bureau with all the information you have relative to the wife, Jane, and furnish the testimony of at least two competent witnesses showing whether the soldier married again after the disappearance of Jane.

If G. A. R. Post No. 7 does not intend to make a claim against the accrued pension (which amounts to only \$37.46) for the \$25 they advanced toward the soldier's funeral, some officer of the Post should furnish a waiver. If the cemetery charges are not included in the undertaker's bill, then a separate receipted bill for that charge should be furnished.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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