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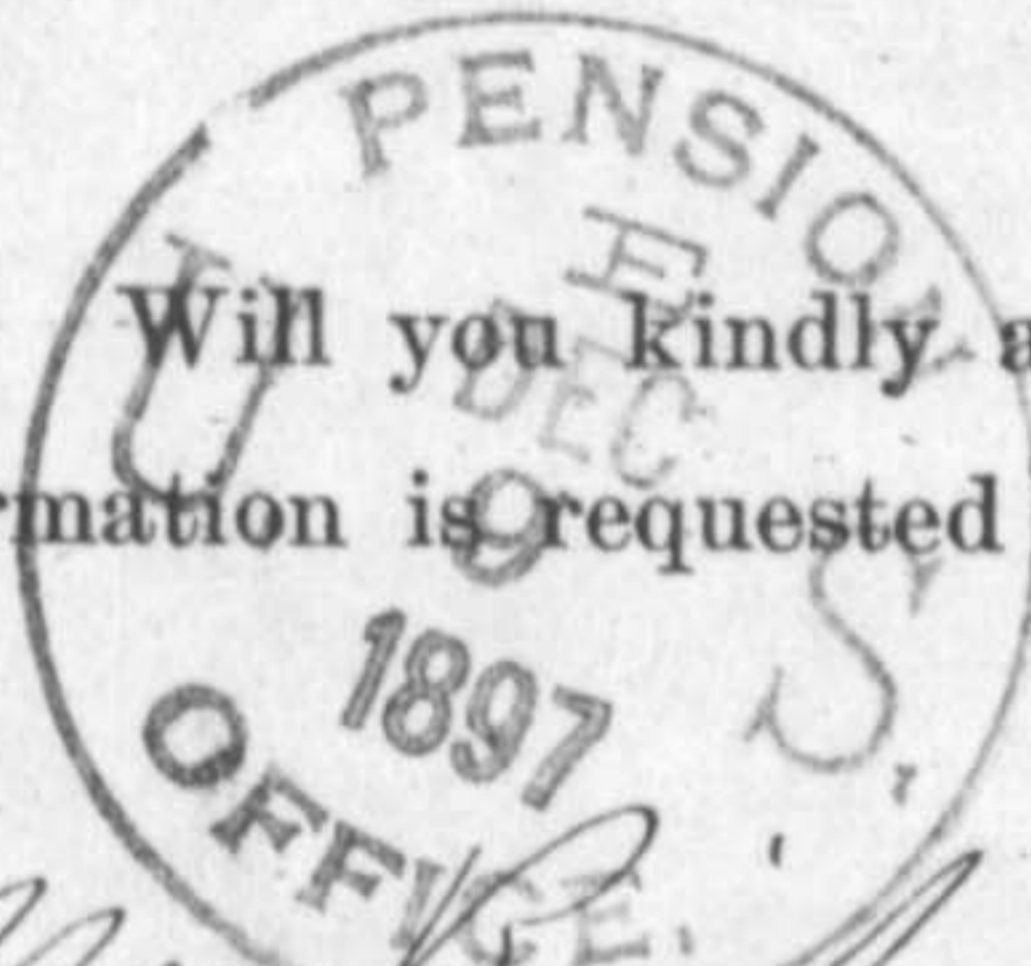
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*Sr* Div. *DPY* Ex'r.  
 No. *666.200*  
*Richard Dutton* Department of the Interior,  
 Co. *B, 4* Reg't *USC Vol Inf* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Dec 4*, 1897

Sir:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.



Very respectfully,

*Mr Richard Dutton* Commissioner.  
*Baltimore*  
*Md*

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: *no I am a widower*

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: *Previous to*

*the war*

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: *I cannot state*

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the

date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: *only the once - and when*

*I returned from the Army - I did not find my wife, believe she is dead*

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their

birth. Answer: *I left two children when I enlisted. Have not*

*seen either of them for over 30 yrs - do not know whether they are dead, alive or married - Their names were Ida Dutton & Amanda Dutton*

Date of reply, *December 8*, 1897

*Witness to mark*  
*W. W. Cunningham*

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*Richard Dutton*  
(Signature)  
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