

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

In reply to office letter, the Postmaster at Edlicott City, Md., writes that there is a James Cole and wife, (Ann Cole) now living at No. 5 Little Vine St., Baltimore, Md. Said Cole was drafted into the U.S. service during late war from this vicinity. dated Dec. 22. '81.

The claim was rejected Nov. 8. 1878, under Sec. 4717, S. U. S. No record evidence of disability or death, and claim having been on file more than five years.

Hugh M. Elderly relinquishes his right to act as atty in claim in favor of Frank Y. M. Donald, who files a Power of atty from claimant, April 15. 1875.

John and Mary Lee, of Cockeysville No. 44 Orchard St., Baltimore, Md., testify that claimant has not remarried since the soldier's death, dated Nov. 3. 1881.

P. M. says credibility good.

Alfred P. and H. C. Gent. (sons of claimant's former employer) testify that claimant was not a slave but lived in their father's family as a servant for twenty-five years. That she was married to James Cole before the war three or four years, and the first affidavit alleges that she not remarried, dated Nov. 5. '81.

G. Errett Readon, U. S. Commissioner, Cor. Lexington and St. Paul Sts., certifies that from the evidence before him, he has no doubt that claimant is the widow of the soldier James Cole, dated Nov. 10. '81.

The claimant testifies that she was never a slave, and that the owner of her husband and his family, as far as she knows, are dead. Her husband was about 25 years of age at enlistment, dark complexion, (nearly black) black eyes, black hair, ^{about} 6 feet high, and by occupation a farm laborer. She can furnish no other evidence to prove her marriage than that on file in her claim before the 2^d. Auditor for back pay due the soldier May 15. '81.