

LAW DIVISION

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 26, 1910.

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The Chief of the
Special Examination Division.

Sir:

Herewith find the papers in the claims of George Chambers, late of Co. G, 19th U. S. C. Inf., Ctf. No. 292,190, and of Margaret and Alice E. Chambers, contesting widows of said soldier, Orig. Nos. 937,042 and 925,932, respectively, in which you are requested to direct a continuance of the special investigation already begun, for the purpose of determining the question of lawful widowhood.

The report of the special examiner L. S. Perkins, to be found herewith, shows that the divorce obtained by the soldier from the claimant Margaret, on which the claimant Alice E. relied as establishing the validity of her marriage to the soldier, was not an absolute divorce, but was simply one from bed and board, and consequently the title of said Alice E. Chambers is defeated, if the marriage of the soldier to the claimant Margaret E. was a valid marriage and was not dis-

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