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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19, 1910.

Chief of the

S. E. Division.

Sir:

Herewith find the papers in the claims of George Chambers, Co. G, 19th U. S. Col. Inf., Ctf. 292190; Margaret Chambers and Alice E. Chambers, contesting widows of said soldier, Orig. Nos. 937042 and 925932, respectively, in which you are requested to direct a special investigation for the purpose of determining which, if either, of these contesting claimants is entitled to recognition as soldier's lawful widow, and whether there has been any law violated in connection with the prosecution of either claim.

Both claimants reside in Baltimore, City, Md. The claimant Margaret is of unsound mind, and is said to be in some institution for the care of insane persons. Ada Chambers, of No. 1108 Argyle Ave., Baltimore, Md., signed the declaration of said Margaret as "committee". In said declaration it is alleged that Margaret Burnet was married to George Chambers March 23, 1873, at Baltimore, Md., there being no legal barrier to such marriage. In support of this allegation a certified transcript from the records of the Court of Common Pleas, 8th Judicial Circuit, State of Maryland, showing the marriage on March 11, 1873, of George W. Chambers and Margaret Burnet, was

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