

Board of Review Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D., C. Feb. 7, 1898.

No. Claim, 589,452.

Cert. No. 539,079.

Claimant, Widow

Soldier, John Wesley

Co. E, 39 Reg't N.S.C. Vol. Inf.

Respectfully returned to Mr. Benjamin
Rev., Mr. Coleman's Section.

This claim was sent to the field for special examination to determine the question of legal widowhood and the correct dates of birth of the children claimed for. The latter requirement was ignored in the investigation and the former one was only partially examined. A slave marriage of the soldier is shown but unless that marriage was ratified in accordance with the law of Maryland ^{which has not been shown} it amounted to nothing and is no bar to the claimant's being pensioned as the soldier's

Chief of Division.

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