

Board of Review Division

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D., C. June 15, 1898.

No. Claim, 589,452

Cert. No. 539,079

Claimant, Widow

Soldier, John Wealey

Co. E, 39 Reg't W.C. 201 Inf.

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

The special examination had  
has not disclosed whether  
the soldier's slave marriage  
was ratified by a compliance  
with the Maryland law. That  
can be done only by inquiry  
in the proper courts of that  
State. No such inquiry has  
been made so far as the  
reports show. When the case  
was last returned to the D. E.  
Div. I forwarded with my slip  
a copy of the Maryland law  
governing this question so that I  
presume the Chief of Special Examiner Division  
who had the case knows what