

Civ. War Div.  
Wid. Orig. 1 098 211  
Louisa Wilson  
Charles A. Wilson  
K. 39 U.S.C. Inf.

CR-1M CR

Sep. 11, 1917.

Mrs. Louisa Wilson,  
R. R. 1,  
Centerville, Maryland.

Madam:

You are advised that the testimony of John F. Matthews and Walton C. Orrel, relating to your non-prior marriage and non-divorce from soldier, and the testimony of said John F. Matthews and Henry Wilson, relating to the soldier's first wife and her death, are not acceptable for the reason that they fail to sign their affidavits or state their ages and length of acquaintance.

If these witnesses have the requisite personal knowledge and will make supplemental affidavits covering the points indicated, stating their ages, length of acquaintance, and means of knowledge, and affix their signatures to their affidavits, the same will be considered when filed with your claim.

The affidavit of Rev. M.M. Carroll, relating to your marriage, is defective for the reason that he failed to affix his signature.

You should obtain a verified copy of the record of your marriage to soldier from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, and file same with your claim, as the best evidence of your marriage.

The practice of the bureau requires that all witnesses testifying in pension claims should affix their signature to their affidavits.

Do not fail to inscribe on every paper filed the name and service of the soldier, and the number of the claim to which it relates.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.