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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Cert. No. 563,108 _____

Edward Smothers, _____

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Washington, D. C., April 20 1907

Dear Sir:

Referring to your claim for pension under act of February 6, 1907, filed February 14, 1907, in which you allege you are 70 years of age, you are advised that the best obtainable evidence of the date of your birth is required by this Bureau.

If there is a public record of your birth you should forward a verified copy of it.

If there is no such record, and there is a baptismal record, a verified copy of the baptismal record should be forwarded.

If there is no baptismal record, and there is a family record showing the date of your birth, a verified copy of the family record should be forwarded.

If a verified copy of the family record is furnished, the magistrate certifying to the same should state in what year the Bible, or other book in which the record appears, was printed; whether the record bears any marks of erasure or alteration; and whether, from the appearance of the writing, he believes the entries to have been made about the dates given.

If you are unable to furnish any of the evidence indicated, you should state that fact, and the reasons why you are unable to furnish it, under oath.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

J. L. Davenport
Acting Commissioner.

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