

ROOM 17 CUSTOM HOUSE,
BALTIMORE, MD.April 9th 1910

The Commissioner
of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith certain correspondence relating to clm. et. # 5-5-5-350 of James D. Brooks Co. "B" 9th Va. S. C. Inf. referred to me for an examination of claimant's Bible record of date of birth.

I have examined claimant's Bible which was printed in 1889 and on a fly leaf I find written in pencil as follows:

"Presented to Mrs. Susan Brooks by Conrad Reinhold Balto. Oct. 29th 1889-1892"

Claimant says he married his second wife Susan in two or three years after his pension was allowed. (The papers in the case will show when pension was granted) and that after his marriage to Susan he wrote to his former owner and obtained the date of his birth