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Commissioner of Pensions.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing on behalf of a client, Mrs. Mary Jobes, of 1125 Parrish Street, this city, whose claim for a pension as the lawful widow of Jeremiah Jobes, formerly of Baltimore City, Md., has been previously refused by your Department.

Mrs. Mary Jobes has told me a very strange story in connection with this case, which was previously brought to my attention about 4 years ago. I am frank to admit that the claim has been previously handled by A. R. Webb, and Fletcher & Co., Pension Attorneys of Washington, D.C., who have informed Mrs. Jobes repeatedly that they could do nothing for her. Yet, from information in my possession, I am convinced that she should receive further consideration from your department.

She informs me that she is the only lawful wife of Jeremiah Jobes; that Jobes lived in illicit co-habitation with a woman, prior to his entry into the military service in the Civil War, and had a son by her; that this woman later went to New Orleans and was there married to another man. To the best of my recollection, I believe that Mr. Fletcher informed us four years ago that the woman, who claimed to be Jobes' wife and to whom a pension is being paid by your Department, on her claim filed in your Department stated that she was married to Jeremiah Jobes in Baltimore after the year 1877. About four years ago, I examined the marriage license records of Baltimore City from 1877 to 1916, and the only marriage I found there was that of Jeremiah Jobes to my client, Mary Jobes. I sent a certificate of such findings to Mr. Fletcher, which I understand was filed with your records in the case. In view of the present pensioner's alleged statement that she was married to Jeremiah Jobes in Baltimore City subsequent to 1877, which statement is not borne out by the records of our marriage license Bureau, I think the matter will bear further investigation.

I would thank you to inform me if the present pensioner's statements to your Bureau in her claim for pension is as stated above, and if so, and if I can produce a certificate of the Court of Common Pleas of this city stating that their records do not bear out her assertions, whether you would be willing to give my client's claim further consideration.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours



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