

Baltimore, Md. Jan. 18. 1899.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith the papers in the claim of Hester Boston, of 1510 St. Fremont, ave. city, widow of William Henry Boston, F 20 U.S.C. Inst. Out. 292,014.

The claim was referred for special examination to determine whether the soldier's death was due to his military service; whether the claimant has remarried, or violated the Act of Aug. 7. 1862.

The claimant is a colored woman of good character and is truthful. She did not appear to be at all biased. She and nearly all other witnesses belong to the better class of colored people.

She was not present at the examination of any of the witnesses, but the testimony was all read to her she was notified.

The soldier has a record of Pneumonia in the service, and the death record shows that he died of Pneumonia; it appeared therefore only necessary to ascertain his physical condition between those two records, and