



March 17, 1930

ARMSTRONG, John
Pvt. Co. B 39th Reg.

Isaiah L. Brown & Son,
Undertakers and Embalmers,
108 W. Montgomery Street near Hanover,
Baltimore, Maryland.

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D. E. MILKS,
Chief, Awards Division.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of the evidence submitted in support of claim for allowance toward burial expenses of the veteran named above.

The doctor's bill and bill for nursing in this connection are herewith returned for the reason that there is no provision whereby this Bureau may make allowance toward payment of any expense for a Civil War veteran prior to his death unless such expense was first authorized by this Bureau.

Form 536, executed by Sarah Ringgold is incomplete for the reason that it is signed by mark and bears the signature of only one witness. Regulations governing payment of burial claims in this Bureau require all signatures made by mark to be witnessed by two persons who personally know the individual so signing, and the address of each witness must also appear on the affidavit. It will, therefore, be necessary that the inclosed form 536 be executed by the next of kin of the deceased veteran or some near relative familiar with his financial affairs.

If it is necessary that this form be executed by Sarah Ringgold and that she sign by mark, the signature must be witnessed by two persons as described above and the address of each witness must, also, appear on the affidavit.

It will also be necessary to furnish a certified copy of the public record of this veteran's death, bearing the signature of the custodian of such records.

Incl.
Form 536

Bill in of 3/17/30

