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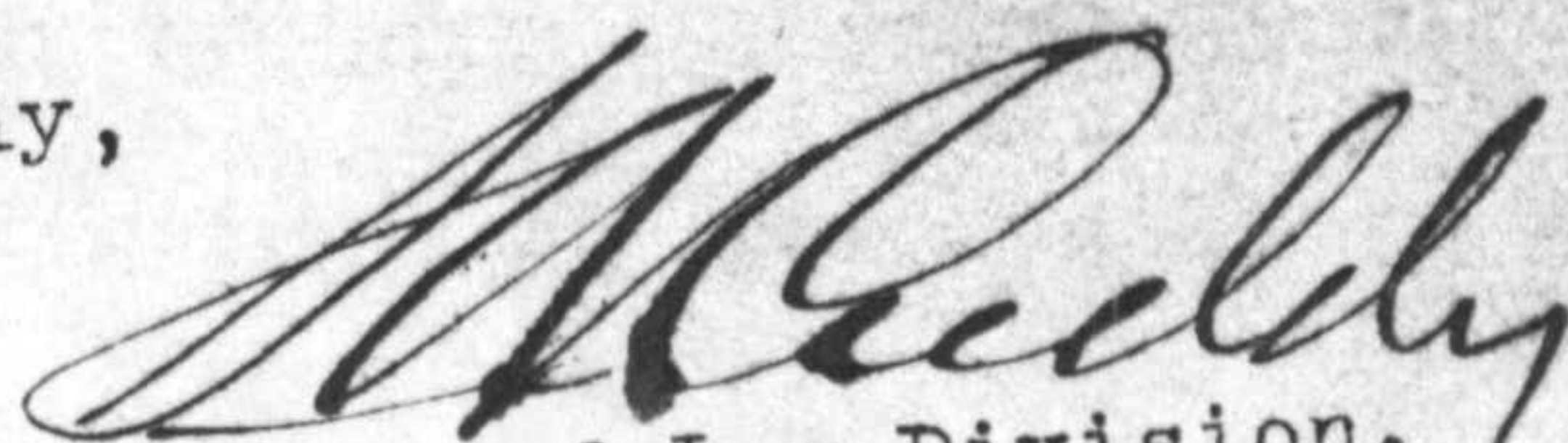
with other women (Harriet Pritchard, Lizzie Rich and Amanda Hopkins) after his separation from the claimant, particularly the alliance with Amanda Hopkins, alleged to have been entered into in 1903 by ceremony; the dissolution of these bonds, if they were of apparent legality, and the fact and character of the relation of the soldier with one Mary A., named in the record of his death.

4.-The claimant's marital history subsequent to the soldier's enlistment; her conduct during his service; the paternity of the child George, born to her three or four months after the soldier abandoned her and perhaps before the normal period of gestation after soldier's return to her could have intervened; her conduct with regard to the soldier's acknowledged marital irregularities; whether she condoned these offenses; and her good faith in marrying Isaac Handy; the character of the relation with Handy, and whether she had relations with other men at that time; whether claimant's conduct was such as to estop her asserting the illegality of the alliance with Handy; whether any attempt was made by Handy to secure a divorce, and whether he survived the soldier.

In addition to the points above specified, such other data as further special examination may show to be necessary to a fair and equitable determination of the questions at issue in the case at bar, should be obtained, after which the papers should be returned to this Division for further consideration.

This letter should appear as an exhibit in the report of the special examiner.

Very respectfully,


Chief of Law Division.

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