

5 insinuation of improper relations between pensioner and George W Williams. The rooms are rented from Horace Murdock, a brother in law of pensioner, and his wife stated that they charged pensioner nothing for her portion of the house and that Williams paid one dollar per week in rent and had his own cooking stove and bed and lived alone and was a cranky irascible old fellow. Pensioner was not at home and it seemed unnecessary to consume further time in interviewing her, and I did not catch Williams at home either. Pensioner is building a four room frame house through the B & L Association and using her pension for that purpose and I was told that she is thrifty and hard working and truthful and not known to harbor men at her house at any time since the death of her husband James E. Bowen. The informant W.H. Reddick exhibited bias against pensioner but I was wholly unable to learn the cause of it. His dislike of George W. Williams is marked and it is probably the cause of his complaint regarding pensioner's moral character.

Respectfully submitted for consideration of the Law Clerk.

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