

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Baltimore Md, June 28, 1916.

Hon Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return the papers in claim No 1,031,133

Eliza Jackson, widow of James Amos Jackson, Co H 19 U.S. Col Inf, and

to submit my report thereon. This claim was referred to the S. I

Division to determine legal widowhood, and it was taken up after the

usual notice and explanation of privileges which were waived.

Claimant is of only fair reputation, is a helpless cripple and

dependent on charity for her support. The reputation of the witness-

es is shown on the index and comment thereon is unnecessary. None

appeared unduly biased in claimants behalf or against her.

I examined divorce records at Baltimore for the names of sol-

dier and claimant, beginning at date of their marriage and to the

date of his death, failing to find same. Marriage records at Bal-

timore were examined from January 1, 1860 to January 15, 1885 for

soldiers name in connection with that of Rebecca Chews, Salile or

Sarah Weeks, and Ellen Dicks, as well as any other women, with nega-

tive results. And the marriage records of Cecil County Md, which

date from July 1865, were also inspected in the same connection and

with similar results. The records at Baltimore Md and for Howard

County Md were examined for claimants name and that of John Chase

John Hall and all other men, from January 1855 to January 15, 1885,

and no record of any marriage on her part was found.

The evidence herewith is the best obtainable and all that I

could obtain as to the marital history of soldier and claimant. I

made careful inquiry at Port Deposit Md, a numerous number of colored

people named Jackson residing in the vicinity of that place and per-