

Ans. L. L.

In the claim No 436,875 of Hester Ann
Davis as widow of Benjamin Davis Co. E.
39th Regt. U.S.C. Infy. (Vol)

To the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions
Sir. You say in your Circular ~~that~~ of June 14
1892, that better evidence as to identity of the
claimant as the widow of the soldier is
necessary. She brought the enclosed paper
given to this claimant for her protection in
the days when slavery existed in this state
and when she was but sixteen years
of age. Therefore if all the proof she has
furnished, & her own sworn declarations with
this record is not sufficient to show that
the said within named Hester Ann Brown
is the identical person who was married to
the soldier Benjamin Davis Dec. 16. 1847
by Rev Philip Scott, then say so, and
give her a chance to corroborate the fact
by other testimony - as her friends, both white
and colored are becoming indignant at
her treatment in this by the bureau