

Altoona Pa, July 23, 1887
 Hon Commr of Pensions
 Washington
 D.C

Hon Sir

I herewith return with
 my report the papers in Claim
 342940 Mary E Coon Mother of
 Nelson Coon. Late Member of Band
 1st Regt U.S.T.C.

This Claim was sent to me for the
 testimony of C's daughter Mary E
 Wright and such other witnesses
 not related as she might designate
 She could find but one Mrs Darks
 Assured from the evidence of both
 these witnesses who are of good repute
 amongst the white residents who
 know them. The C's has been a
 free Negro since she was very young
 And the Soldier never was a Slave
 He worked for a Mr Bumbach
 (or a name similar) a farmer who
 resided 4 or 5 miles from Hagerstown
 for some time before he entered the
 Service and the said Bumbach
 supplied C with wood as she