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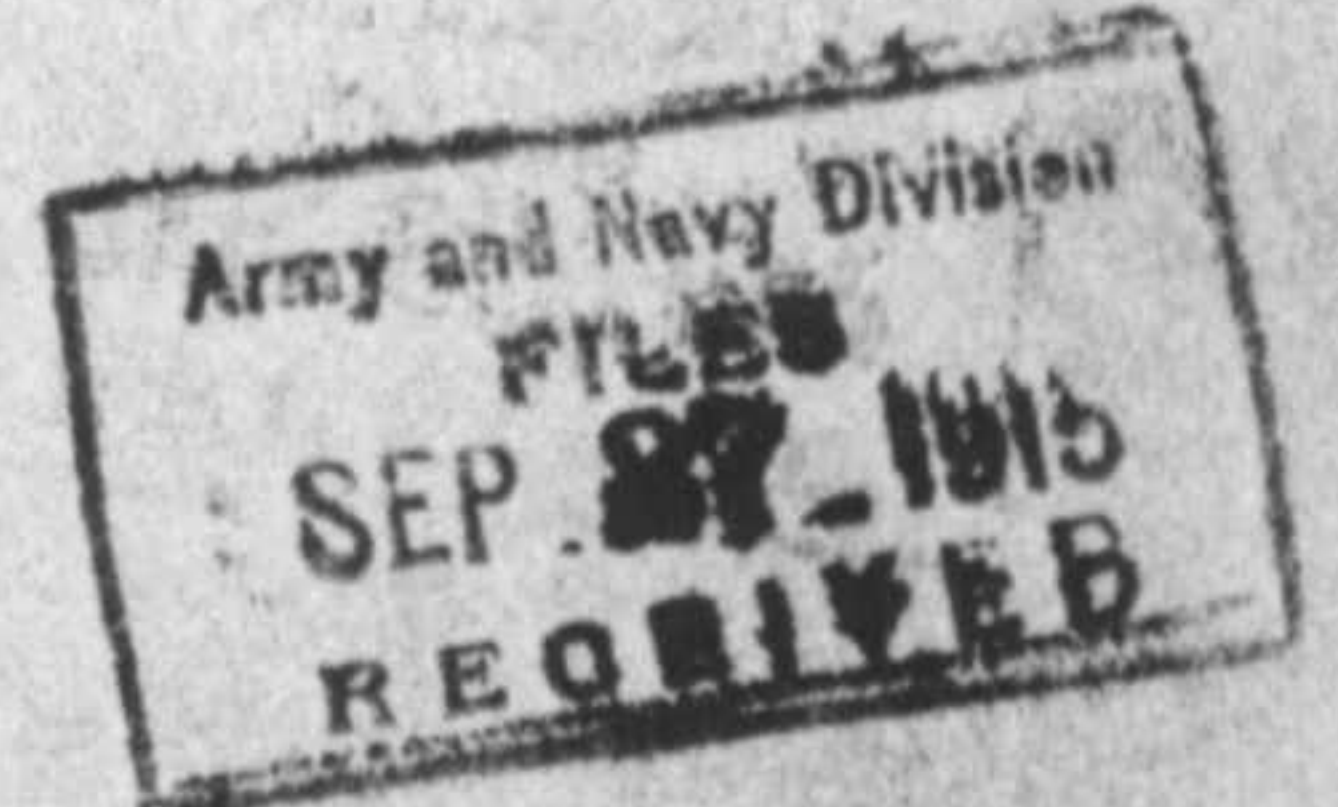
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Mahaily A. wid. of WASHINGTON September 23, 1915.
John W. Smith,
U.S. Navy.

Mrs. Mahaily A. Smith,
1015 Race St.,
Baltimore,
Md.



Madam:-

In your above cited claim for pension the date of your marriage to the sailor should be shown by a verified copy of the public or church record, or by the affidavit of the minister who performed the ceremony, or by the sworn statements of credible witnesses who were present at the marriage.

The certified copy of the marriage license filed August 23, 1915, cannot be accepted as proof of your marriage to the sailor, as it fails to show that a marriage ceremony was ever performed.

Very respectfully,

Wm. S. Gurnea

Commissioner.

