

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

Claimant Josiah Briscoe served a three-years' enlistment in Company I, 7th United States Colored Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged October 13, 1866, with rank of corporal.

He was pensioned from May 22, 1889, at \$8 per month for gunshot wounds of right hand and head, which amount he was receiving when, June 8, 1896, he applied (after two former rejections) under the act of June 27, 1890, alleging disability from affection of eyes, pains and gunshot wound of head and right hand and founder of leg.

February 13, 1901, he filed an affidavit alleging rheumatism.

March 22, 1901, his application was approved for gunshot wound of right hand and rheumatism and he was rated at \$6 per month, and being in receipt of \$8 per month under the general law, certificate was denied as