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7. If the _____ had been previously married, the fact and date of death or divorce of each former wife should be proved: in case of death, by a verified copy of the public record, or, if no such record exists, by the sworn statement of witnesses present at the death, or having personal knowledge of same; in case of divorce, by a verified copy of the decree of court.

8. If there _____ marriage of the fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses who knew him and are able to testify from personal knowledge.

9. The sworn statement of witnesses having knowledge of the facts, showing whether _____ and claimant were ever divorced, and whether they lived together as husband and wife _____ to the date of the _____ death.

10. If the claimant has not remarried since the *soldier's* death, that fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses who have known her during this period. If she has remarried, the date of remarriage should be shown by evidence of the kind indicated in paragraph 2.

11. The date of birth of each child claimed for should be shown by evidence in the following order: By a duly verified copy of the public record or the church record of baptism; or, by the sworn statement of the physician who attended the mother; or, by the sworn statement of a person who was present at the birth, who should state how she is able to fix the date.

12. The sworn statement of two witnesses showing whether the child _____ claimed for (naming child _____) _____ living; if any has died, proof of the date of death should be furnished.

13. The claimant's sworn statement showing the name under which she was married to the _____

14. The claimant's sworn statement naming the places of her residence since the death of the *soldier*, giving dates.

15. The claimant's sworn statement showing the _____ height and complexion, the color of his hair and eyes, his age and occupation at the date of enlistment, and the place of his birth.

16. The discharge certificate of the _____

17. Some paper bearing the _____ signature made about the time of his service.

All sworn statements should be made before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

Persons testifying should state their ages, post-office addresses, and means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

Copies of records should be over the signature and official seal of the person having custody of the record. If such person has no seal of office, then the correctness of the copy should be sworn to.

Do not fail to inscribe on each paper furnished the name and service of the *soldier* and the number of the claim to which it relates.

Very respectfully,

Washington Gardner
Commissioner.

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