

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 filled, & 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. 18~~47~~ 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