

Board of Review.

Wid. Orig. 1, 013, 895,
Robert Bennett,
Co. D, 7th U.S.C. Inf.

October 13, 1915.



Mr. M. Whitehead,

Chief Special Examination Division.

Special examination is deemed necessary to determine legal widowhood with special reference as to death of claimant's former husband and the soldier's former wife.

The claimant and soldier were ceremonially married in Dorchester County, Md., on October 21, 1885, and he is reported as a widower and she as a widow. The claimant in her application alleged that each had been previously married and that soldier's former wife died in November, 1877, and that her former husband, William Williams, died December 6, 1881. In an affidavit subsequently filed she stated her former husband died in Bayview Asylum, Baltimore; that her attorney could find no record of his death there; that her former husband had been in the military service and that there was one colored man in Baltimore, Richard Crew, of #664 Mulberry Street, who knew him in the army and was in the same regiment with him.

The records show that Richard Crew is now a pensioner, Certificate No. 553,365, on account of service in Company I, 2nd