

Civil War Division.
Wid Orig. 1,013,895.
Lavinia Bennett.
Robert Bennett.
Co. D, 7 U. S. C. Inf.

M.E.H.

November 29, 1913.

David L. Stanton. Atty.
423- North Poca Street.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:-

The above-cited claim for pension, requires the best obtainable evidence, record preferred, showing the date of the death of the soldier's former wife, Lydia, the affidavit of Matilda Boulden and Elizabeth Henson is not sufficient for the reason that they do not give the date of death.

There should be furnished the best obtainable evidence, record preferred, showing the date of the death of the claimant's former husband, William Williams. and the sworn statement of the claimant or some credible person who has the requisite knowledge showing whether said husband was in the Army or Navy of the United States, and if so, the full designation of such organization.

Very respectfully,
G. M. SALTZGABER.
Commissioner.