

Section B. E.J.C.

Civil War Div.
Wid. Orig. 1,134,239
Annie E. Wilson
James Wilson
Co. H, 7th U.S.C. Inf.

May 8, 1919.

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D. C.

Sirs:-

You are advised that the above cited claim for pension requires a certified copy of the public record showing the marriage of the soldier to the claimant, which she may be able to secure by writing to the Clerk, Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore, Maryland. If there is no such record she should file the sworn statement of the person who performed the ceremony, or of persons who were present at time of her marriage, showing the date of same.

There should be furnished the best obtainable evidence, record if possible, showing the date of death of the soldier's former wife Sarah Curtis. Affiants Brooks and Locks state that she died but do not state date of death or their means of knowing, whether they were present at the time, viewed her remains or attended her funeral.

There should also be furnished testimony of persons having knowledge as to the facts showing whether the soldier had contracted any other marriage, other than to Sarah, prior to his marriage to the claimant, (a point not covered by affiants D. Brooks and H. Locks), and if so the name of such consort and how and when such marriage terminated; testimony as to whether the claimant had contracted any marriage prior to her marriage to the soldier, and whether she and the soldier lived together without separation to the date of his death, the affiants above referred to stating only that they were not divorced.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to show the age and postoffice address of the witness and means of knowing the facts to which testifying. The name and service of the soldier, and the number of the widow's claim should be inscribed upon each piece of evidence filed.

Very respectfully,

E. C. TIEMAN

Acting Commissioner.

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