

Widow Division
I.C. 1,018,052
William T. Richardson
B 19 U.S.C. Inf.

December 14, 1923

Mrs. Mary E. Richardson
712 North Gilmore Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Madam:

In your above cited claim for the accrued pension due at the date of your husband's death you have furnished a copy of the public record of death of a William T. Richardson, who died March 3, 1915 and whose age was given as 48 years. In as much as your husband was at that time at least 67 years old, you should furnish your sworn statement setting forth the street and number where your husband died, who was the undertaker, the doctor at the time of his death and where he was buried.

You should also state whether your former husband - Horace Lewis, ever served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States and, if he did, you should give the full name of the organization in which he served.

In 1897 soldier stated that he married Mary Eliza Larkin, in Baltimore, in 1885, that she died in 1891 and that he had a son William T. Richardson. You furnished the affidavit of Emanuel Hawkins, who claimed to be a half brother of soldier, who testified that the soldier had but one former wife - Louisa, who is shown to have died December 30, 1900. The death of this wife Mary Eliza should be shown by a verified copy of the public record of death or the cemetery record of her burial, or if no such record exists, by the affidavits of two persons who attended her funeral, showing where she died, when and where she was buried, and showing whether soldier was then known as Hawkins or Richardson.

If you cannot furnish the required proof of Mary Eliza's death, you should so state under oath giving the reasons why.