

Civil War Division,
Wid. Orig. 1045130,
Inv. Ctf. 1018052,
Mary E. Richardson,
William T. Richardson,
Co. B, 19 U.S.C. Inf.

O. J. M.

June 12, 1915.

Mrs. Mary E. Richardson,

728 North Bruce st.,

Baltimore, Maryland.

Madam:

In response to your communication without date filed the 14th ultimo, you are advised that your above entitled claim for accrued pension due at date of soldier's death, requires the best obtainable evidence, record under seal if possible, showing date of death of soldier's former wife, Mary E. Lankin; the testimony of two credible witnesses who knew soldier from the time he attained marriageable age, showing whether he had been more than once previously married, and if so, to whom, and how and when such prior marriage or marriages terminated; and the sworn testimony of some credible person who knew your former husband, Horace Lewis, from the time he attained military age, showing whether he served in the army or navy of the United States, and if so, the full designation of such service, and you should state under oath, whether you ever applied for pension as his widow.