

February 15, 1917.

Mrs. George Eiland,
Wadsway,
Ohio.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a communication from Dr. O. E. Wadsway, requesting that you be furnished the necessary blank form of application for reimbursement in the case of George Eiland; certificate #602737.

In response thereto you are informed that the Federal Government makes no allowance for defraying the expense of a pensioner's last sickness and burial. The State of Ohio makes an allowance for defraying the funeral expenses of indigent soldiers, and you should apply to your County Commissioners relative to securing the same.

The pension accrued to the date of the soldier's death is not an asset of the estate, nor liable for the payment of the debts of the estate, but inures to your sole and exclusive benefit as widow, and a blank form on which to present a claim therefor as such is enclosed.

If you were married to the soldier prior to June 27, 1906, you may have title to pension under the Act of April 19, 1908 as amended by the Act of September 8, 1916, and a blank form of application thereunder will be sent upon request.

Very respectfully,
G. S. BALSIGAN.

(Enclosure)

Commissioner.