

WIDOW.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., *Feb. 13, 1896*

Return this with your reply.

1. In the above-entitled claim for pension, the date and immediate cause of the soldier's death should be shown by a verified transcript from the public record, if such a record exists, and if not, by the affidavit of the physician who attended him during his last illness.

2. The marriage of the soldier to the applicant should be shown by a verified copy of the public or church record, or by the affidavit of the person who officiated, or by affidavits of witnesses to the ceremony, or by a verified copy of the church record of baptism of the children.

3. It should be shown by competent evidence whether the claimant or soldier had been previously married. If so, the death or divorce of the former wife or husband should be proved by a verified copy of the public record or other competent testimony.

4. The testimony of two witnesses is required, showing whether the claimant has remarried since the death of the soldier. If so, the date of such remarriage should be shown.

5. The dates of birth of all the soldier's children for whom pension is claimed should be proved by a verified copy of the church record of baptism or public record, or by the affidavit of the attending physician, or of female attendants, who should state how they are able to testify to the precise dates.

6. It should be shown by competent testimony whether the children claimed for are living; if any of them have died, the date of death should be proved.

It must be shown that first-class evidence can not be procured before secondary evidence will be considered.

All witnesses should state their ages, post-office addresses, and means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify; and it must appear in the jurats whether they are credible, that they knew the contents of their affidavits, and that all erasures and interlineations were made before the oaths were administered.

The evidence indicated by paragraph *marked* is required.

Very respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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Senior