

Balt. Oct. 26-1887

Hon. Pension Commissioner

J. C. Black

Respected Sir

I would cheerfully
 comply with you here with inclosed demand
 to forward a Certificate from the Board of Health
 showing the date and immediate cause of the
 soldier's death - Which I assure you is there
 recorded and corresponds with the sworn
certificate of Dr. Baldwin on your files in
 my claim - But ^{which} said Health Officers
will not give me (as they say) unless I
 pay to them one dollar for the same it
 being a rule established there - But I am
 unable to raise that sum at this time on
 account of hardship to meet my rent and fuel
 and clothe myself, aged & helpless mother &
 like demands upon - which expenses have to be met
 through the wash-board & tub, alone - therefore cast
 Doctor Baldwin's evidence in your office on that point

If not, can't you be furnished there with by your
Special Agent (Pension I mean) located at the
 U. S. Court House just across the way from him, the
 Health Officer will no doubt give him the privi-
 lege of looking at the Records, Having done that

best I possibly can to fill all of your demands I
 remaine very Truly Your Obedt. Servt

Mitias Mrs E. B. Lodd

Wm. L. Johnson
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