

Fannie Gibson. Widow of

No. 460,300.

Johh Henry Gibson.

Late Pvt. Co.A. 7th U.S.C.Inf.

P.O.,1327 Shields Alley,Baltimore,Md.

Salisbury,Md.Sept. 28th 1894.

Hon.Com. of Pensions,

Washington,D.C.

Sir:--I have the honor to return the papers in the above described claim, which were referred to the S.E.D. to determine "whether claimant is the legal widow of soldier" and came to this district for futher examination.

I obtained a certified copy of the issuance of a marriage license to ~~Thorton~~^W Bates and Fannie Glasgow, Colored, on Aug. 20, 1872, and also to John H. Gibson and Fannie Glasgow on Sept. 16, 1884, and evidence that the wedding ceremonies were performed, and the parties lived together in the relation of man and wife.

Messrs. Risen and Tunis refers to Mr. Wrightson Tunis, who now resides at Norfolk, Norfolk, Co. Va. as does his brother Joseph Tunis.

It appears that Henry Bates is in Baltimore City, Md. and I was informed that he has been a waiter at the Eutaw House.

I think the claim of doubtful merit, but recommend further examination at Baltimore, Md. to obtain the deposition of Henry Bates, if he can be found. I have no doubt but the claimant knows where to find Bates in Baltimore if she desires to. If he can not be found, or satisfactory evidence be obtained from him for futher examination, the case should go to Norfolk, Va. to obtain the deposition of W.W. and Joseph Tunis to ascertain where Bates lived in Va.