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Chief of the
Special Examination Division.

Sir:-

Herewith are transmitted the papers in the claim of Frances Barnes (Orig.No.822,171), for pension under the Act of June 27,1890, as widow of Robert Barnes, formerly of Co. K,19" U.S.C. Inf., who died on January 17,1905, at Baltimore, Maryland, with a view to special examination upon the points hereinafter specified.

The public record of the soldier's death gives the name of his wife as "Mary A. Barnes."

In her declaration claimant alleged that she was married under the name of Frances Dorsey to said soldier at Meekins Neck, Dorchester County, Maryland, in the summer of 1861, by Rev. Mr. Turner, and they thereafter cohabited until the soldier's enlistment, when their relation was suspended. The claimant alleges that it was resumed immediately after his return from the army, though the parties appear to have lived together then for only a few months. Some time in the summer of 1867 the claimant states the soldier commenced "backing off," going away for a week or two, and that he finally left her altogether.

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