

Health Department, which would have necessitated expenditure of time and some money, altho I incidentally covered the item of Dora's death in looking up Daniel at the Home where he stays.

I learned that the soldier had a slave marriage, to one Debbie, a fact which was entirely overlooked by the claimant and the witness Shadrach Hall (the latter is very senile), but it is shown that the said Debbie died several years before soldier married the mother of the minors .

The claimant says that she usually signs her name as Sallie Brown, but that her real and full name is Sarah Rideout Brown.

Eliza White the colored midwife, had no records of births of the said minors, altho such record is referred to in her affidavit in the brief jacket; an invention of the writer himself. Such records have not been kept in Baltimore county prior to 1906.

I recommend reference of case to Chief of Board of Review for consideration.

Very respectfully,

L. S. Perkins

Special Examiner.

*It will be noted that I took one deposition after taking claimant's final statement, but as this was merely corroborative (that of Gertrude D. Smith) of the testimony of Mary Matthews, which was taken in claimant's presence, no important principle of special examination was violated thereby.*

*L. S. P.*