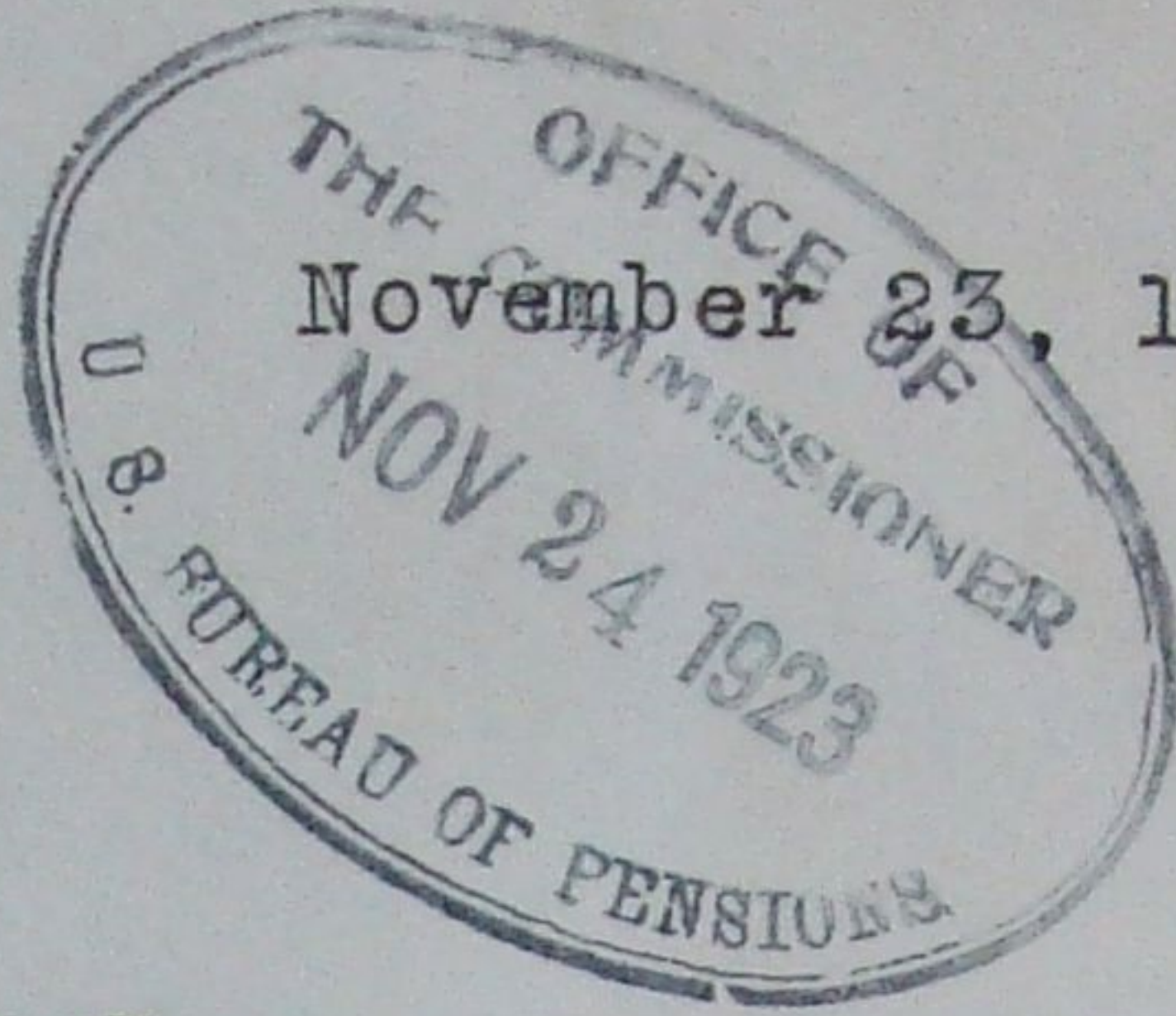


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Washington Gardiner,
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Sir:-

Inquiry is made relative to Joseph L. Parker, whose heirs claim that he was entitled to either a bounty in land or money, but never received either.

Joseph L. Parker's first enlistment was on the 14th day of June 1863, private, Company D, First Regiment in U. S. Colored Troops, re-enlisted May 8, 1867, Company K, 10th Calvary. Re-enlisted a third time with the rank of Sergeant Major in the 12th Calvary July 22, 1892.

I have no records to show what battles, skirmishes or other engagements the soldier participated in, from which I could make an investigation regarding his right in the aforesaid matter.

Respectfully,

Thos. H. Skipper

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*Fathers Ch. 389, 268
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