

Baltimore, Md. March 29, 1899.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith the papers in the claim of Susan Johnson, of 539 Orchard st. this city, widow of Samuel Johnson, late Co. C. 39 U.S.C. Sgt #682072.

The claim was referred for special examination to determine whether the soldier and claimant were legally married; whether either was previously married, and whether the claimant has remarried.

The claimant is a woman of good character; was notified and advised as to her rights and the testimony was read to her. She is very ignorant but I believe truthful and her reputation is good among those who know her. Notice was read.

The only witness to the marriage I did not see was Elizabeth James, who now lives in Germantown, Pa. at 26 Washington Lane. I believe however the fact of marriage is fairly established by the testimony herewith; also the fact that the claimant was