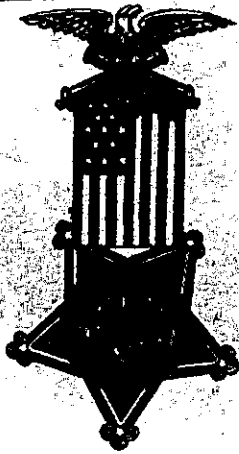


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Washington, D. C., March 2, 1906.

Mrs. Emma K. Tourgee,
20, Kalorama Ave.,
City.

My dear Madam:

I have your note of February 9th answer to which has been delayed by the fact that I left the city early the next morning and have only just returned.

I presume from your note that the death certificate given as to the cause of the Judge's taking off, or the evidence submitted as to the cause of death, is not recognized by the Pension Office under the law as traceable to his army service or to his wounds.

I knew full well, years ago, that he was a great sufferer, but if they hold that way, I am sorry to say I know of no way by which we can compel them to change their decision. I should judge from what you state that the only chance you have for a larger pension is to get some Congressional friends interested to the end that a special act may be passed for your benefit. This is done in a great many cases. No attorney is recognized or permitted under the law in such a case, but you do require good, earnest, insistent Congressional influence. Certainly in the New York delegation, there ought to be some man or men, who bearing in kindly remembrance that splendid gentleman and comrade, your husband, would take extra trouble to try and do something for your benefit.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

James Tanner
Commander-in-Chief,
G. A. R.