## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Feb. 21, 1917.

Mr. Willet H. Rush, Cashier, Bank of "grachville, Branchville, Va.,

My dear 31r:

The pension application for Richard P. Ellis on file in this office is still pending. We had hoved to approve this claim before this and as you wrote at length last September relative to the case we are writing you to lot you know that we are taking the matter up with the applicant again, after having no reply from him to our latter letter, in October.

The matter in the way of the approval of the claim up to this time has been the property assessment against his wife, amounting to more than \$1,000., in fact \$1355., as shown by the statement of the Commissioner of the Révenue in the claim. If it can be shown that this property has been disposed of by transaction deemed valuable in law and so recorded, a certificate to this effect from the Clerk of Court is all that is necessary, in addition to the claim and other information on file in this office, to enable us to approve the chaim. If the property still remains assessed to the vife of the applicant, amounting to as much as \$1,000., under our Pension Law we cannot do anything for the applicant in the vay of a pension.

I grust that you will be kind enough to look further into this matter and advise the applicant the course to pursue, as suggested in this letter.

Yours very truly,

Pension Clork.

JHJ /DW.