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Soldiers Home Calif
Sept 30th 1916

G. M. Saltzgaber

Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir:

I in reply to your letter of Sept 22^d 1916 relative to claim of my wife Ellen Rose for one half my pension, would say;

Before leaving Fort Collins to come to this Home on account of illness, there was a friendly and mutual settlement of our affairs and my wife received three thousand & seven hundred dollars, and the settlement was duly executed in writing, and is now in the hands of my attorney at Fort Collins. There has been pleasant correspondence between us ever since.

I sent her \$88 not long ago to pay nurse and Doctor bills and I have receipts to show for it. I had a kind letter from her this week, in which not a word was said about her needing funds, and I had no idea that she was in want, or that she contemplated making this claim for part of my pension.

I do not so much object to her

having part of the pension and I don't
care to resist her claim, but I utterly
refuse to be called a deserter, for I
came here after above named
settlement, with her full knowledge
and agreement.

Norman W. Smith Archibald ^{the} Rose
M. M. Stoddard _{Frank}

Personally appeared before me William
H. Billings a Notary Public in and for
the Co. of Los Angeles, State of California
Archibald Rose, who being duly sworn
declares and says that the above
statement is true and that he signed
the same.

W. H. Billings

Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California

My Commission Expires June 17, 1920

