

J.A. Gary,
P.O. Box 162,
York S.C.

Slave Pension

York, S.C. March 22nd 1923.
Hon. J.G. McLeod, Governor of
South Carolina, Dear Sir:

This is J.A. Gary, Negro
preacher of the Methodist Church that used to
preach around Bishopville some years ago, &
am now serving at York S.C.
& wish to ask you within the Law pensioning
old Negro slave servants in the Confederate
war, has reference to the heir of the servant
serving in said war. My father served
his master at Charleston S.C. he has been
dead many years ago, & am his only
child or heir, of course if it applies to him
& would like to know, if not no harm is
done. I am still honest and for 23 years
serve my people and tries to teach them to be
honest and build up a name for them selves
& prayed much for your success as Governor
I am still praying for you to pull through the best or
one of the best the State ever had. Your humble servant

April 9, 1923.

Rev. J. A. Gary,
P. O. Box 162,
York, S. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 22nd, in which you make inquiry in regard to the Slave Pension Law recently passed, has been received. In reply I beg to advise that the purpose of this act was to furnish some small financial assistance to ex-slaves themselves who are now old, helpless and dependent, and who rendered actual service to their masters during the Civil War. You will see, therefore, that you are not entitled to anything through inheritance.

Yours very truly,

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Secretary to the Governor.