



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
National Cemetery Administration
Memorial Programs Service
220 Athens Way, Suite 102
Nashville, TN 37228

June 30, 2011

Cecil B Hollifield
5024 Bolick Rd
Claremont, NC 28610

Name: Noah Simmons
Vet ID Number: 55124112

Dear Mr. Hollifield:

We received your application requesting a Government-furnished headstone, marker, or medallion for Noah Simmons. We are unable to process your application at this time because you do not appear to be an authorized applicant, based on the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 38.632, "Headstone and Marker Application Process," which became effective on July 1, 2009.

Federal law defines "applicant" for purposes of applying for a Government-furnished headstone or marker as the decedent's next-of-kin (NOK); a person authorized in writing by the NOK; or a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent.

The following ordered list defines the NOK for the purpose of determining who may apply for a headstone or marker: (a) Surviving Spouse (including common law); (b) Children by age (18 and older); (c) Parents – biological, adoptive, step, foster; (d) Brothers/Sisters (including half, step); (e) Grandparents; (f) Grandchildren; (g) Uncles/Aunts; (h) Nieces/Nephews; (i) Cousins; and (j) Other lineal descendants.

We request that you provide information to show that you are an authorized applicant as defined by regulation. You may submit documentation that shows your relationship to Noah Simmons, a copy of the NOK's written authorization for you to apply for a Government-furnished headstone or marker for Noah Simmons, or a copy of Noah Simmons's written authorization for you to make final burial and memorial arrangements.

VA will also accept applications from cemetery officials since they generally are authorized to represent the decedent or the NOK. When a cemetery is historic and/or does not have officials that are responsible for the administration of the cemetery, then the landowner may be the applicant.

If you need further assistance or more specific information, please contact Noël Baumann at 888-367-1330 ext 110 or via fax at 615-736-2840. If you choose to resubmit an application, please note that we have updated the application form for headstones and markers (VA Form 40-1330). You may access the updated application form by visiting our website at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/va40-1330.pdf>. You may also contact us and get answers to your questions by visiting our website at www.cem.va.gov, and clicking on "Contact Us" located at the top of each page.

Sincerely,


John S. Corsi
Site Supervisor
Memorial Programs Service