U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LETTIE A. MARBLEY <u>and DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>, FARMERS' HOME ADMINISTRATION, Washington, D.C.

Docket No. 97-65; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 9, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained an injury while in the performance of duty prior to October 1, 1991.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal, and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 4, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 4, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 9, 1998

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member