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Act of April 19, 1908,
Amended by Act of Sept. 8, 1916.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION

No. Number 710,249

Claimant Fanni Cooper

Deceased Wm. S. Cooper

Rank Private

Service U. S. Army

INSTRUCTIONS.

This form is to be used ONLY by or in behalf of a
woman who desires to claim pension under the Act of April
1908, as amended by the Act of September 8, 1916,
re-named, on account of the service of an officer or en-
listed man who served ninety days or more in the Army,
Navy, or Marine Corps during the Civil War.
Declaration and testimony in support of same to be
executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths
for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law
to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and
term of office must be certified by the proper State, county,
or city officer under his official seal, unless a certificate has
been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

Death

Daniel S. Stanton

423 N. Pa. Street,
Baltimore Md.

PRESS OF BYRON S. ADAMS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

AN ACT

To increase the pension of widows, minor children, and so forth,
of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late Civil War, the
war with Mexico, the various Indian wars, and so forth,
and to grant a pension to certain widows of the deceased
soldiers and sailors of the late Civil War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Sec. 2. That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety
days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during
the late Civil War, and who has been honorably discharged
therefrom, has died, or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow,
such widow shall, upon due proof of her husband's death, with-
out proving his death to be the result of his army or navy
service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the
filing of her application therefor under this Act at the rate
of twelve dollars per month during her widowhood, provided
that said widow shall have married said soldier or sailor prior
to June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety; and the
benefits of this section shall include those widows whose hus-
bands, if living, would have a pensionable status under the
Joint Resolution of February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and
ninety-five; July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June
twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six.

Sec. 3. That no claim agent or attorney shall be recognized
in the adjudication of claims under the first section of this
Act, and that no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in
preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the pro-
visions of the second section of this Act shall, directly or in-
directly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain for such services
in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting such claim a sum
greater than ten dollars, which sum shall be payable only upon
the order of the Commissioner of Pensions by the pension
agent making payment of the pension allowed; and any person
who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or who
shall wrongfully withhold from the pensioner or claimant the
whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such
pensioner or claimant under this Act shall be deemed guilty of
a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and
every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars
or be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both,
in the discretion of the court.

Approved April 19, 1908.

Section 2 of the Act of Congress, approved by the President
September 8, 1916, reads as follows:

Sec. 3. That any widow, as described in section two of the
Act approved April nineteenth, nineteen hundred and eight, who
married the soldier or sailor prior to June twenty-seventh, nine-
teen hundred and five, shall have title to pension under the
provisions of said section of said Act, to commence from the
date of filing her application in the Bureau of Pensions after
the passage of this Act; *Provided, however,* That where a pen-
sion has been granted to a soldier's or sailor's helpless or
idiotic child or children, or child or children under the age
of sixteen years, his widow shall not be entitled to pension
under this section, unless the pension to such child or children
has terminated, or unless such child or children be a member
or members of her family and cared for by her, and upon
allowance of pension to the widow, payment of pension to such
child or children shall cease.