

Also personally appeared... Ella Planter..., residing at
 (Name of one witness.)
 ...766 Sarah Ann Street, and... Barrie Wilson...,
 (Name of other witness.)
 residing at... 760 Sarah Ann Street..., persons whom I certify to be respectable and
 entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw... Alma...
 (Name of widow.)
Barker..., claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their
 acquaintance with her of... 26... years and... 20... years respectively, that she is the
 identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

ATTEST:

1. Geo B Burrows
 2. Ella Planter
Barrie Wilson
 (Signature of witnesses—FULL names.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this... 12th day of... September, A. D. 1916
 and I do hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration and affidavit were fully made known and
 explained to the applicant and witness before swearing, including the words...
 ...erased, and the words
 (Insert any words erased.)

(Insert any words added.)

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

Declaration accepted as
 a claim under
Act of April 19, 1908
amended by Act Sept. 8, 1916
 Power of attorney valid
 as to execution.

Geo B Burrows
 (Signature.)
Notary Public
 (Official Character.)

NOTE.—If claimant or identifying witnesses sign by mark (X) such signature must be attested by two persons who can
 write, of whom the magistrate may require the signature of one.

Per

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

To increase the pensions 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.

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this Act the
 rate of pension for widows, minor children under the age of
 sixteen years, and helpless minors, as defined by existing laws,
 now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and
 entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, shall be
 twelve dollars per month; and nothing herein shall be construed
 to affect the existing allowance of two dollars per month for each
 child under the age of sixteen years and for each helpless child;
 and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of
 this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That this Act
 shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any
 Act, public or private.

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 there-
 from has died or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow, such
 widow shall, upon due proof of her husband's death, without
 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 husbands if living
 would have a pensionable status under the joint resolutions of
 February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and of
 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 serv-
 ices 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 misde-
 meanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every
 offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or be im-
 prisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the
 discretion of the court.

APPROVED APRIL 19, 1908

SEC. 3, ACT OF SEPT. 8, 1916.

PROVIDES AS FOLLOWS:

That any widow, as described in section two of Act approved
 April 19, 1908, who married the soldier or sailor prior to June 27,
 1905, shall have title to pension under the provisions of said sec-
 tion of said Act, to commence from the date of filing her applica-
 tion in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage of this Act; Pro-
 vided, however, That where a pension 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 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.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Claimant:

Alma Barker

Soldier:

Adam Barker

Service:

W. F. 304th C. Inf.

Address:

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