

Copy of circular letter issued by Bureau of Pensions.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Madam:

The first section of the Act of Congress, approved by the President September 8, 1916, reads as follows:

" * * * That from and after the passage of this Act the rate of pension for a widow, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, who was the lawful wife of any officer or enlisted man in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, during the period of his service in the Civil War, shall be twenty dollars per month, and the rate of pension for a widow of an officer or enlisted man of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, who served in the Civil War, the War with Mexico, or the War of 1812, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and entitled to receive a less rate than hereafter provided, who has reached or shall hereafter reach the age of seventy years, shall be twenty dollars per month; * * * "

If you are pensioned as the widow of a soldier, sailor, or marine, who served in the Civil War, the War with Mexico, or the War of 1812, and if you have reached the age of seventy years, you should fill out the blank on the back of this communication and return same to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., being careful to state correctly your pension certificate number, the name and service of the soldier, sailor, or marine, the exact date of your birth, the place of your birth, your name as it appears in your pension certificate, and your present postoffice address in full.

If the evidence in your pension case shows that you are entitled to the increase of pension provided by this legislation, the Bureau will, as soon as possible, grant the increase. If further evidence be necessary, a call for same will issue.

No claim agent or attorney will be recognized in connection with this matter.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER,

Commissioner.