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Cert. 25,668,
John W. Smith,
U.S. Navy.

HP
Board of Review,

August 8, 1913. *JWA*

(Mr. Grappin, Reviewer)
Dr. Carman, ReReviewer.

This claimant is now a pensioner under the act of May 11, 1912, at the rate allowable for the age of 66. In the pending declaration he alleges that he is 70 years of age, which, if accepted, would entitle him to a higher rate. Under such conditions if a claimant is unable to prove his age as alleged his claim should be rejected. To fix the future date of increase in 1916, as proposed in this instance, would not meet his contention and, therefore, you may reject if you do not accept age as 70.

J. V. Bell
Acting Chief, Board of Review.