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inability to earn a support by the performance of manual labor, such inability being shown as due to rheumatism and disease of heart.

Claims for increase filed June 9, 1900, and January 2, 1907, were rejected May 9, 1901, and February 18, 1907, respectively.

He was allowed \$12 a month from February 11, 1907, under the act of February 6, 1907, and he is now receiving such pension, being over 62 years of age.

There was filed March 24, 1911, a declaration in which he claimed \$12 a month from the date his name was dropped from the roll under the act of June 27, 1890, to the date his present pension was made to commence.

In support of this claim for "arrears" there was filed April 1, 1911, a joint affidavit signed by mark by John W. Dashields and by Leir Tepping.

The attorneys in the case were advised by the Bureau April 13, 1911, that said affidavit had been considered in connection with the other evidence on file, but did not warrant reopening the claims for the reason that it cannot be accepted to controvert the medical evidence upon which the action of rejection was based.