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HENRIETTA FRISBY

Name

ANY WARD.

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SECTION 8

Return this voucher for payment to

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

6-3009

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

In every case requiring the exhibition of the pension certificate and certification thereto, the officer should carefully compare it with the voucher. Vouchers may be executed in the United States before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes or before any fourth-class postmaster of the United States; in foreign countries, before an ambassador, minister, or consul, or other consular officer of the United States, or before any civil officer of the country duly authorized to administer oaths, or to authenticate extra-judicial documents, and whose official character and signature shall be authenticated by the certificate of an ambassador, minister, or consul, or other consular officer of the United States. If the officer be required by law to have and use a seal to authenticate his official acts, it must be affixed to his jurat. In the case of officers in the United States not required by law to use a seal, a certificate of the proper officer as to their official character, signature, and term of office must be filed in this agency. One such certificate will suffice for the term of the officer. Fourth-class postmasters are required to use their mailing stamps as seals.

The officer will also see that post-office addresses are correctly inserted in the proper spaces in the voucher, particularly the address to which the check is to be mailed. He will also give his own post-office address after his official title on face of voucher.

The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular, pursuant to Act of July 7, 1898, which provides:

"That every person who knowingly or willfully makes or aids, or assists in the making, or in any wise procures the making or presentation of any false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, voucher, or paper or writing purporting to be such, concerning any claim for pension or payment thereof, or pertaining to any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Pensions or of the Secretary of the Interior, or who knowingly or willfully makes or causes to be made, or aids or assists in the making, or presents or causes to be presented at any pension agency any power of attorney or other paper required as a voucher in drawing a pension, which paper bears a date subsequent to that upon which it was actually signed or acknowledged by the pensioner, and every person before whom any declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing to be used in the aid of the prosecution of any claim for pension or bounty land, or payment thereof, purports to have been executed, who shall knowingly certify that the declarant, affiant, or witness named in such declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing personally appeared before him and was sworn thereto, or acknowledged the execution thereof, when, in fact, such declarant, affiant, or witness did not personally appear before him or was not sworn thereto, or did not acknowledge the execution thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than five years."

All acts involved in the execution or correction of vouchers must be performed in the presence of the officiating officer, who must certify to the corrections over his own signature, on the face of the voucher in the space indicated.

1. Signatures by mark should appear thus— his John X Doe mark.
2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" must appear in P. O. address in case of residence within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" address will be accepted in such case only if no other address as above is available.
3. A married woman must sign her own Christian name, not that of her husband.
4. Fourth-class postmasters only are authorized to officiate in the execution of vouchers. Deputy, acting, or assistant postmasters, or other postal employees, not qualified.
5. Legible impression of postmarking stamp, showing same date as jurat, required. M. O. B. or R. F. D. stamps or additions to impression with pen or pencil will not be accepted.
6. Postmaster must write "Fourth-class postmaster" after his signature.
7. Jurat must be dated.