

Also personally appeared..... Jane E. Creswell....., residing at
(Name of one witness.)
....., and..... John J. Brown.....
(Name of other witness.)

....., persons whom I certify to be respectable and
residing at..... BALTIMORE, MD......
entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw..... Mary E.
(Name of widow.)

..... Richardson....., 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..... years and..... 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:

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..... Jane E. Creswell.....
..... John J. Brown.....
(Signature of witnesses—FULL NAMES)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this..... 11..... day of..... Sept......, 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.)

.....added; and that
(Insert any words added.)

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

[L. S.]

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

..... Walter W. Prentiss.....
(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 be one.

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-
ren or children under the age of sixteen years, his widow shall not be
entitled to pension under this section, unless the pension to such
child or children has terminated, or 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.

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Act of April 19, 1908.
Amended by Act of Sept. 8, 1916.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Claimant:

Mary E. Richardson

Soldier:

William J. Richardson

Service:

C. B. 19th Regt. U. S. C. Inf

Address:

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Filed by

Lloyd Odendhal

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PRESS OF BYRON B. ADAMS, WASHINGTON, D. C.