

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 430

House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Woodman from Committee on Claims and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of the Town of Shirley.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred thirty-two dol-
2 lars and ninety-three cents be and hereby is appropriated
3 from the treasury to reimburse the town of Shirley in the
4 county of Piscataquis and state of Maine for money ex-
5 pended in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen in fur-
6 nishing supplies to Mary Donnelley and her four children
7 under seven years of age, state paupers.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Mary Donnelley came to the town of Shirley some time in the year 1912. One Joseph Pelkey came to Shirley at some time previous to the time that Mary Donnelley came to Shirley. When she came to Shirley she went by the name of Pelkey. Pelkey lived with her in Shirley in different places.

In April, 1914, Pelkey left Shirley and went to some place not known at that time. At the time that Pelkey left Shirley Mary Donnelley was sick. At the time that Pelkey left there was nothing in the house for her or the children to eat. The money that Pelkey had earned, he had spent in dissipation.

On account of destitution and sickness, Mary Donnelley called on the overseers of the poor of the town of Shirley for assistance. About the first of June, 1914, she gave birth to a child. She was very sick at the time and continued sick for some little time after the child was born. All of the expenses incurred as shown by the receipted vouchers held by the town of Shirley for bills paid on her account and the account of her children show that the supplies furnished and the medical attendance were necessary. Mary Donnelley has four children under seven years of age.

At the time all of the supplies were furnished the overseers of the poor supposed that she was the lawful wife of Joseph Pelkey. Mr. Allen M. Phillips, chairman of the Board of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Shirley, went to see her as soon as she was able to be interviewed. She then told him that she was never married to Joseph Pelkey and was never married to any person. Miss Donnelley told Mr. Phillips that she was born in the Province of New Brunswick in 1885, and that she had lived at a great many different places, but she could not tell how long she had ever lived continuously in any given place.

Upon such investigation as Mr. Phillips was able to make he could not find that she had any pauper settlement within the State of Maine. Neither Pelkey or Miss Donnelley have been in the town of Shirley since they left as herein stated. When Miss Donnelley left Shirley with her children she went to the city of Bangor.