

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 88

In Senate, Feb. 18, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Ricker from Committee on Education and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Savage of Mount Desert.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, in favor of Mary A. Carroll, of Southwest Harbor.

Resolved: That there be allowed and paid out of the ap-
2 propriation for payment of teachers' pensions, to Mary A.
3 Carroll of Southwest Harbor, in the county of Hancock,
4 the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, during
5 the lifetime of said Mary A. Carroll, the same to be in lieu
6 of the teacher's pension now allowed by law to her.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

"I retired before the law for teachers' pensions was passed. Therefore I have half a pension only.

"My parents, and all their children, except myself, have passed on, leaving me without legal claim on home or income; without claim on place to lay my head in case of sickness; or means to pay my board or nursing.

"I was born at Mt. Desert, May 7, 1835. I received my education at home and in the common schools; and a partial course in Castine Normal School.

"I began my first term of public school Dec. 8, 1857. I taught 2, 3 or 4 terms a year for 48 years—120 terms of town and state school, and many terms of private school—mostly in Hancock County, Me. I taught some large schools. But when a small, poor or remote school called I went, though the pay was small. I bought, at my own expense, charts for teaching writing, drawing, and primary reading. Towns did not, then, buy helps for teaching. The pleasure of seeing my pupils improve rapidly paid me. In winter I taught many free evening schools. I taught town and state schools on outer islands, crossing often in small boats in winter. My last term of state school closed on Duck Island Light Station, June, 1905. I threw my whole mind into my schools always doing my best, not sparing expense when I could buy anything that would make lessons more interesting.

"And, now, I very respectfully, ask the legislature, to grant me an increase of teacher's pension from \$125.00 to \$250.00 per year. Being 84 years old next May, I may not need it long. Wishing all in the legislature a happy New Year, I am

Yours respectfully,

Mary A. Carroll."