

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 483

H. P. 875 House of Representatives, February 26, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Laughlin of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

RESOLVE, to Provide a State Pension for Mary W.

Chamberlin of Portland.

Resolved: That a pension of twenty dollars per month
2 be, and hereby is, granted to Mary W. Chamberlin of Port-
3 land to be paid quarterly. Said pension shall begin on the
4 first day of July, nineteen hundred twenty-nine, and con-
5 tinue until otherwise provided by the legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Miss Chamberlin is blind and is 93 years old, having been born May 11, 1835. Her great-great-grandfather, Harry Chamberlin, was in the Colonial forces, which fought in King Philip's war; her great-grandfather, Captain Joshua Merrill, was in Washington's army; two of her uncles fought in the War of 1812; and her two brothers served in the Union army during the Civil war. Her father died when she was seven years old, the oldest of five children, and she worked to aid her mother and the younger children as soon as she was able to do anything. She supported and cared for her mother until her mother's death at the age of 70. She receives a pension of fifteen dollars per month from the pensions for the blind and friends contribute fifteen dollars per month. To be maintained in comfort during the few remaining years of her life further funds are necessary.