

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 160

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Laura J. Darling of Lee, for State
Pension.

Resolved, That there be paid to Laura J. Darling of Lee, a
2 state pension of four dollars a month beginning January
3 1, 1901

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Walker Darling served on the northeastern frontier in the Aroostook war in the winter of 1839 and was partially disabled in the service of the state. The United States government granted land warrants to these Aroostook soldiers but no U. S. pensions were ever allowed. More or less of them have, from time to time, been granted state pensions by special acts of the legislature, which are designated as "military pensions."

By resolve of February 28, 1845, the land agent was authorized to convey by deed to Walker Darling lot No. 1, range 9, in the town of Lowell.

By resolve of March 31, 1859, Walker Darling was granted a military pension of four dollars per month for injuries received while in the service of the state.

By resolve of March 10, 1870, the resolves granting pensions to Walker Darling and many others were repealed, but by resolve on February 24, 1873, his pension was restored, which he drew until his death in 1878.

His widow, Laura J. Darling of Lee, (North Lee postoffice) now asks the state to grant her a military pension. She is seventy-eight years old and in feeble health and is dependent on charity for her daily bread. She has made a brave struggle for a living, doing such work as she was able among her townspeople, but can now do only the very lightest work such as knitting and washing dishes. Her only property is a piece of land valued at about fifty dollars, the cleared part grown to bushes, and the income from which will not pay the taxes assessed upon it.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 14, 1901.

Reported by Mr. KNEELAND of Searsport, from Committee on Pensions, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*