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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 301

STATE OF MAINE.

STATEMENT OF FACTS ACCOMPANYING HOUSE DOCUMENT NO. 220.

Miss Fannie L. Jenkins is the daughter of Martin W. Jenkins, who was born in, and was, until his death, a resident of the State of Maine, and who enlisted on September 30, 1860, in Company M, 1st U. S. Artillery, was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to 2d Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, on February 9, 1865, and who was discharged on March 22, 1866, having given nearly six years of service to his country; and never having received one cent in bounty or pension from any source. The said soldier having been accidentally drowned in 1885, leaving his family very poor.

This daughter Fannie has been a helpless invalid for more than fifteen years from "chronic articular" rheumatism, her bones being so dislocated that she cannot well feed herself, and is utterly unable to perform any productive labor. She is now about forty-five years of age, and would be wholly dependent upon the charity of her friends for her support were it not for the small State pension of eight dollars per month which was allowed by the legislature in 1893. Her relatives are poor and

unable to bear the tax that would be imposed upon them by assuming this care, and the pension asked for seems to be the only thing that can keep this poor and deserving woman (whose physical condition is due to overwork in seeking to care for the younger members of her family after the death of her father) from becoming a public charge in the near future, as her case does not come under any general pension law, either national or State.

Dr. Byron Porter of Newport, in an affidavit which was filed with her original application for pension in 1893, says that during twenty years' experience as a United States examining surgeon he has never known a more deserving case. That application was also accompanied by a petition signed by seventy-five of the leading citizens of Newport, respectfully asking that the pension be granted. That number, and many more people who are acquainted with her case, would gladly sign a petition asking for this increase of pension, were they given the opportunity.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 1, 1905.

Presented by Mr. POWERS of Houlton and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*