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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 304

In House of Representatives, Feb. 23, 1915.

Reported by Mr. Small from Committee on Pensions and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in Favor of Annie L. Durham of Belfast.

Resolved, That a pension of twelve dollars per month be
2 allowed Annie L. Durham, of Belfast, Waldo County,
3 Maine, widow of Tolford J. Durham of Company A, of
4 the Fourth Maine Regiment Volunteers, beginning with the
5 first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and con-
6 tinuing during the pleasure of the Legislature and until
7 otherwise ordered.

A STATEMENT OF FACTS IN THE MATTER OF A
STATE PENSION FOR MRS. ANNIE L. DURHAM,
OF BELFAST, IN THE COUNTY OF WALDO, STATE
OF MAINE.

Mrs. Annie L. Durham is now sixty-three (63) years of age, and the widow of the late Tolford J. Durham, late of Company A, 4th Maine Reg., Volunteers, during the Civil war, serving three years and five months, who died August 25th, 1876, of diseases contracted in the United States service during said war.

The widow re-married May 5th, 1904, and was legally divorced from said husband Sept. 24, 1914, on her libel against him for desertion for more than five (5) consecutive years. During said five years said husband was a resident of Vermont. Now, in said libel, the widow asked and prayed for a change of her name to that of Annie L. Durham, being the name she acquired under the first marriage to Tolford Durham, the soldier, which was granted by the Supreme Court of Maine, at session at Belfast in September 24th, 1914.

The widow of Tolford Durham, Mrs. Annie L. Durham, is now in failing health, and is frequently under the treatment of physicians for a bad abdominal rupture and kidney and bladder trouble, all of which have materially increased, so much so, that she is fully or totally incapacitated for labor, in fact, her physical condition is such that she is rendered unable to do anything toward her self support and is dependent upon others for assistance, physically and financially.

The said widow has no income of any kind whatsoever and is not the owner of any property of any value. In fact, she is a poor, feeble woman—without property or health, and the widow of a soldier, the late Tolford J. Durham.

To the Honorable Committee of Pension, the above mention of facts, which is correct, is submitted to you for consideration, and she prays, asks and hopes that a favorable report will be granted by your body, and upon said report, a state pension of \$12.00 per month be granted to her, the said Mrs. Annie L. Durham, the widow of the late Tolford J. Durham.

Therefore, she, the widow, respectfully submits the above statement of facts for your consideration, hoping that the same may be granted.