

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 332

House of Representatives, Feb. 20, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Charles of Lovell.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE Providing for a State Pension for Joann P. Libby.

Resolved, That there be paid to Joann P. Libby of Locke
2 Mills, town of Greenwood, in the county of Oxford and
3 State of Maine, widow of Cyrus Swift, a veteran of the
4 Civil War, the sum of eight dollars per month, payable
5 quarterly, from the fund appropriated for military pensions,
6 beginning January first, nineteen hundred seventeen, in lieu
7 of the state aid of three dollars per month now received.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

I, Joann P. Libby, of Locke Mills, town of Greenwood, Oxford county, Maine, do most solemnly declare and affirm that I was 89 years of age on September 29, 1916, that my first husband Cyrus Swift, enlisted December 11, 1861, as a private in Company H, 13th Reg. Maine Vol. Infantry, and served in the war of the Rebellion until his death, August 28, 1862.

That I married Henry Libby November 24, 1865, that he died October 14, 1882, that on February 3, 1902, under Act of Congress March 3, 1901, I was granted a renewal of United States pension, Certificate No. 40724, of \$12.00 per month as the remarried widow of Cyrus Swift, that on January 1, 1914, I was granted a State of Maine pension of \$3.00 per month.

That on March 4, 1915, through the efforts of Senator Johnson and Congressman McGillicuddy, I was granted, by Special Act of Congress, a reissue of Certificate No. 40724 increasing my United States pension to \$20.00 per month.

That because of my age, 89 years, I am unable to perform manual labor whereby to obtain a support, that I need the constant care of an attendant, that my two pensions, amounting to \$23.00 per month, are my only source of income, that it is insufficient for my care, support and medical attendance, that as a soldier's widow I am obliged to accept some charity, that I have no remedy, under existing laws, for obtaining an increase of pension, I therefore most respectfully petition that special action be taken by the Legislature of Maine, increasing my state pension to \$8.00 per month that I may not be an object, in part, of charity.

Locke Mills, Maine, December 28, 1916.

JOANN P. LIBBY.

Witness,

MARY ELIZABETH DEMOND.