

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 396

In Senate, March 23, 1917.

Reported by Mr. Chick from Committee on Claims, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Mabel G. Sanborn of Augusta, for money expended in support of Kate C. Robbins, a State Pensioner now deceased.

Resolved, that the sum of twenty-three dollars be and 2 hereby is appropriated to be paid Mabel G. Sanborn of Au- 3 gusta for money expended in the support of Kate C. Rob- 4 bins, a state pensioner now deceased.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Mrs. Kate C. Robbins lived with Mrs. Mabel G. Sanborn in Augusta for several years, Mrs. Sanborn receiving a small compensation for board and care from a little personal estate and United States pension of Mrs. Robbins. The estate became exhausted and as the United States pension was insufficient a state pension was asked for and granted in 1915.

Mrs. Sanborn agreed to support Mrs. Robbins for the United States and State pension, whether sufficient to support Mrs. Robbins or not. Late in 1915 or early in 1916 the State pension agent was interviewed, and being satisfied that it was a deserving case, said that he would allow for Mrs. Robbins' use for 1916, eight dollars per month.

Mrs. Robbins died on March 26, 1916. There would have been due under State pension twenty-three dollars. This amount had been promised but could not be paid, as stated by the State Pension Agent, for lack of funds.

There is due Mrs. Sanborn from Mrs. Robbins' estate \$70 and there is no property with which this obligation can be met. Mrs. Sanborn is a woman of limited means and this small sum of \$23.00 would be a material aid to her. Nothing in the way of State pension was ever asked until Mrs. Robbins' estate was exhausted and as Mrs. Sanborn had been promised State aid to the extent of \$8.00 per month and took care of this old lady till she died, partly on the strength of this promise, it would seem that it is only simple justice that she receive the small amount to partially repay her loss of seventy dollars.