

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 189

H. P. 638 House of Representatives, February 5, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Claims and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. White of Dyer Brook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

RESOLVE, to Reimburse the Town of Merrill for Support
of Josephine Nickerson and Eula Smith, Children of Mrs.
Walter C. Smith, Having No Known Settlement in the
State.

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated to
2 be paid to the town of Merrill, the sum of one thousand
3 two hundred sixty-one dollars and eighty-one cents, to re-
4 imburse said town for money expended for support of
5 Josephine Nickerson and Eula Smith, children of Mrs. Wal-
6 ter C. Smith, having no known settlement in the State.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This resolve covers support of these children from June 22, 1925 to September 28, 1927, together with bills for medical and hospital treatment in February, 1928. The mother of these children was married to her third husband on or about September 28, 1927. She is said to be feeble minded. Her name before marriage was Nellie M. Estabrook. The name of her present husband is not given.

Her first husband's name was Lorius R. Nickerson. She married him in 1907 and was divorced from him in 1917. He afterwards moved to Massachusetts and died there. She afterwards married Walter C. Smith in 1918, and he died in Houlton in 1925. Mr. Smith made several affidavits, but he was not able to give sufficient information to show whether or not he had a pauper settlement in the State of Maine. He was very sick at the time.

Besides the two children named in this resolve, there were two other Smith children, who are now in the custody of the State Board of Children's Guardians.

A great deal of effort has been made to fix the liability for support of these children, but it has been impossible to find that they had a settlement in any town. The town of Merrill is unfortunate, for the reason that the children were living there at the time they fell into distress and it became the duty of the selectmen of that town to provide for them. There is no way in which the town can be reimbursed, except by resolve of the legislature. It is admitted by all parties concerned that these children have no settlement in the town of Merrill.