

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 375

H. P. 329 House of Representatives, Feb. 15, 1929.

Reported by Mr. Hawkes from Committee on Pensions and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lenfest of Manchester.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Providing for a State Pension for Angie N.
Willard of West Gardiner.

Resolved: That a pension of twenty dollars per month
2 be, and hereby is, granted to Angie N. Willard, of West
3 Gardiner, to be paid quarterly from the fund for pensions
4 for soldiers and their dependents. Said pension shall begin
5 July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and continue
6 until otherwise provided by the legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

See attached letters from the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of West Gardiner.

Relating to State Aid application of Angie N. Willard of West Gardiner, Maine.

West Gardiner, Maine, Sept. 15, 1928.

State Pension Office,

Augusta, Maine.

Dears Sirs:

This is a pathetic case and I know you will have an interest in the facts relating to it just as much as I do. The applicant, Angie N. Willard has tried twice to get a United States pension, once through Llewellyn Powers and again through Congressman Guernsey; both trials were some years ago. In the light of the pension laws and rulings of the present day is it any use to try again? Everybody is dead that had knowledge of the facts as to just why the husband of Angie N. Willard was classed as a deserter. But she can tell a vivid story and seems to recall the events as if they were but yesterday. I hope you will give her case careful consideration and trust that you will do the best you can for her.

Yours truly,

I. L. WARE.

West Gardiner, Maine, Sept. 15, 1928.

Pension Bureau,

Augusta, Maine.

I wish to make a statement as told me by the applicant, Angie N. Willard.

After her husband was injured (as stated in the application) at Camp Berry (near Portland) he was laid up at Cape Elizabeth hospital with an injury to the lining of his heart. He was somewhat disabled after that so much so that he never saw any service at the front, but was detailed to cook or to help about the cooking. After Lee's surrender he was in a camp 3 miles from the capitol at Washington. (The applicant is unable to give the name of the camp at this time). Afterward when his regiment had orders to relieve a colored regiment in Georgia, on account of this injury that he received while at Camp Berry he could not march with his regi-

ment but was told by his superior officers to get aboard the transport wagons and ride. When the transport wagons came along they were so heavily laden that there was no room for him, so he did not go with his regiment, but did manage to start for home and finally succeeded in reaching home.

His doctor told him if he had gone or tried to go down to Georgia he would have died down there.

This is the applicant's brief story of why Willard was classed as a deserter. She also says he never was discharged from the army.

I. L. WARE,

Selectman of West Gardiner.

P. S.: At the time these army transport wagons came along he and another soldier occupied a tent and they were either the last ones to leave or among the last. His companion was enabled to leave with his regiment but Willard had no means of conveyance owing to the transport wagons being heavily loaded and his inability to shift for himself on account of injury.