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Also personally appeared Ella Hall (Name of one witness.), residing at Baltimore, Md., and Laura M. Merkle (Name of other witness.), residing at BALTIMORE, MD., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Jane Jordan (Name of widow.), claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her of ..... years and ..... years respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

ATTEST:

1. Mrs Ella Hall

2. Laura M. Merkle

(Signature of witnesses—FULL names.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of September, A. D. 1916 and I do hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witness before swearing, including the words ..... erased, and the words (Insert any words erased.) ..... added; and that (Insert any words added.) I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.] Walter H. Foran (Signature.)

Notary Public (Official Character.)

Declaration accepted as a claim under Act of April 19, 1908 amended by Act Sept. 8, 1916. Power of attorney valid as to execution. Chief, Law Division. Per

NOTE.—If claimant or identifying witnesses sign by mark (X) such signature must be *attested* by *two* persons *who can write*, of whom the magistrate may be one.

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

To increase the pensions of widows, minor children, and so forth, of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war, the war with Mexico, the various Indian wars, and forth, and to grant a pension to certain widows of the soldiers and sailors of the late civil war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this Act the rate of pension for widows, minor children under the age of sixteen years, and helpless minors, as defined by existing laws, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, all be twelve dollars per month; and nothing herein shall be construed to affect the existing allowance of two dollars per month each child under the age of sixteen years and for each helplessch child; and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however*, That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private.

SEC. 2. That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during the late civil war and who has been honorably discharged therefrom has died or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow such widow shall, upon due proof of her husband's death without proving his death to be the result of his army or navy service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the filing of her application therefor under this Act at the rate of twelve dollars per month during her widowhood, provided that all widow shall have married said soldier or sailor prior to June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety; and the heirs of this section shall include those widows whose husbands living would have a pensionable status under the joint resolutions of February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 3. That no claim agent or attorney shall be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the first section of this Act, and that no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of the second section of this Act shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain for such service, or in connection with the prosecution of such claim, a sum greater than ten dollars, which sum shall be payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions by the pension agent making payment of the pension allowed; and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section or who shall wrongfully withhold from the pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars for every prisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both in the discretion of the court.

APPROVED APRIL 19, 1908.

Act of April 19, 1908. and Act of Sept. 8, 1916

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

No. 609,971

Soldier: Jonas Jordan

Service: Co. G 9th Reg. U.S. Sharpshooters

Address: New Haven, Vermont, Allegheny

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