

Act of April 19, 1908.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

STATE OF New York
COUNTY OF New York ss:

On this 8th day of December, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eight
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
and for the county and State aforesaid, Louise Joel, aged 65
years, a resident of New York City, county of New York, State
of New York, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to
obtain pension under the provisions of the ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 19, 1908.

That she is the widow of Joseph A. Joel, who was
enrolled under the name of Joseph A. Joel, at
Cleveland, Ohio, on the eight day of July, 1861,
as a Private in C.A. 23rd Ohio Vol. Inf., and
honorably discharged February 10th, 1863, having served ninety days or more during the late civil war.
That he also served in other service
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

He was a pensioner under certificate No 23,363
That he was not in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above.
That she was married under the name of Louise Wilson
to said soldier at New York, N.Y. on the twentieth day
of March, 1867, by Rev. S. M. Isaacs;
that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not
been previously married,
(If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.)

and that neither she nor said soldier married otherwise than as stated above.
That the said soldier died Dec. 27th, 1906, at New York, N.Y.;
that she was not divorced from him, and that she has not remarried since his death.
That the said soldier left the following-named children who are now living and under sixteen years of age, to wit:
(If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.)

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That she has not heretofore applied for pension
(If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which
it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.)

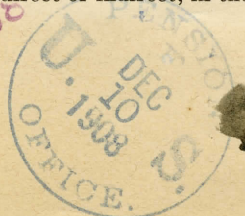
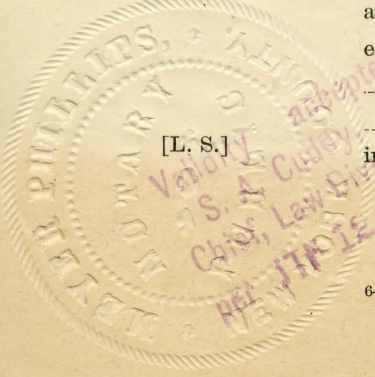
That her post-office address is New York, county of New York,
State of New York

Attest: (1) A. Lewis Joel
(2) Isabel Joel + Louise Joel
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Also personally appeared A. Lewis Joel, residing in
144 E. 62nd St. New York City, and Isabel Joel, residing in
144 E. 62nd St. New York City, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being
by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Louise Joel, the
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 20 years and 15 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.

A. Lewis Joel
Isabel Joel
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December, A. D. 1908,
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and
explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words
....., erased, and the words
....., added, and that I have no
interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



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Megs Phipps
(Signature)

Notary Public,
New York County

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Claim for Pension.

M WIDOW.

No. 23363

Name Louise Joel

Soldier Joseph A. Joel

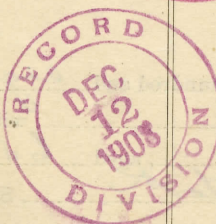
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INSTRUCTIONS.

This form may be used for original pension under Act of April 19, 1908.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.



AN ACT

To increase the pension 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 so forth, and to grant a pension to certain widows of the deceased 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, 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, shall be twelve dollars per month; and nothing herein shall be construed to affect the existing allowance of two dollars per month for each child under the age of sixteen years and for each helpless 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 said widow shall have married said soldier or sailor prior to June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety; and the benefits of this section shall include those widows whose husbands, if living, would have a pensionable status under the Joint Resolutions of February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five; 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 services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting 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 and every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Approved April 19, 1908.

