

Notice of an Increase in Civil War Pensions

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The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 23515) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, etc., have examined the same and report: The report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto attached, is in part adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended when amended as set out at the close of this report, the reasons for such amendments there being stated.

James M. Cartee, aged 70 years, served as a sergeant in Company G, Twenty-second Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, from October 25, 1861, to January 20, 1865 (3 years 2 months 25 days), and is now a pensioner under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for shell wound of right leg and disease of rectum.

He was formerly pensioned under the act of July 14, 1862, at \$8 per month by reason of shell wound of right leg, and resulting stiffness of ankle and knee joints, and neuralgia.

Address, Wesleyville, Ky.

Board of surgeons, May 6, 1891, found pensioned disability and disease of rectum.

Medical testimony is that applicant, from pensioned disability and disease of rectum, is unable to do manual labor; he is unable to walk without a cane or crutch.

Other testimony is that practically the only income of this old man is his pension.

An increase to \$36 is recommended

John Travis, jr., aged 69 years, served as a private in Companies G and D, Fourteenth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, from July 29, 1863, to September 15, 1865 (2 years 1 month and 16 days), and is now a pensioner under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for rheumatism, disease of lungs, and general debility.

He was formerly pensioned under the act of July 14, 1862, at \$8 per month by reason of disease of stomach (indigestion), result of chronic diarrhea.

Address, Denton, Ky.

Board of surgeons, September 6, 1911, found disease of stomach and chronic diarrhea, and rated at \$24 per month; also describe enlarged prostate and say that applicant draws his water regularly with a catheter; also describe enlarged heart.

Medical testimony is that applicant is very debilitated; has chronic cystitis; uses the catheter continually; is totally incapacitated for manual labor.

Other testimony is that applicant has no property and no income but his pension. An increase to \$30 per month is recommended.

David Tipton, aged 66 years, served as a private in Company K, Thirty-ninth Regiment Kentucky Infantry, from November 15, 1863, to September 15, 1865 (1 year and 10 months), and is now a pensioner under the act of February 6, 1907, at \$12 per month on account of age.

Was formerly pensioned under act of June 27, 1890, at \$10 for rheumatism and obesity.

Address, Enterprise, Ky.

Medical examinations, March 2, 1904, and April 4, 1906, disclose rheumatism, obesity, and pharyngitis.

Dr. A. J. Hillman, December 2, 1911, declares pensioner is incapacitated for the performance of manual labor by reason of rheumatism, heart weakness, and kidney disease.

Pensioner and witnesses say he has a small farm of 20 acres of the total value of \$200; has no other property or means of support except his pension.

An increase of \$30 may be allowed

Daniel H. Woolery, aged 67 years, served as a private in Company B. Twenty-Second Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, from November 13, 1861, to February 7, 1863, and as a sergeant in Company F, Fifty-fourth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Mounted Infantry, from September 5, 1864, to September 1, 1865 (total service, 2 years 2 months and 24 days), and is now a pensioner under the act of February 6, 1907, at \$12 per month on account of age.

He was formerly pensioned under the act of July 14, 1862, at \$6 per month by reason of disease of spine.

Address, Grayson, Ky.

Board of surgeons. July 4, 1906, found a rating on kidneys.

Medical testimony is that applicant has marked obesity and curvature of the spine; is unable to do manual labor.

Other testimony is that applicant has real property of the value of about \$625 and personal property of the value of \$50.

An increase to \$30 a month is recommended.

Joseph H. Duncan, aged 67 years, served as a private in Company A, Fifty-fourth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, from September 14, 1864, to September 1, 1865 (12 months less 13 days), and is now a pensioner under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month on account of chronic bronchitis, catarrh, and general debility.

The soldier's address is Olive Hill, Ky.

In addition to pensioned causes, it appears the soldier is now suffering with cataract, both eyes. He is almost blind and can scarcely get around. He has a small piece of mountain land, almost worthless, where he makes a home. He is wholly unable to performing any manual labor: he has no income aside from his pension.

These are the facts as shown by medical and lay testimony filed in support of the claim.

The board at Morehead, Ky., on July 1, 1908, found soldier suffering from effects of jaundice; multiple neuritis, associated with rheumatism, general debility, emaciation—to a degree to wholly disable him for any labor.

A rating of \$30 per month is recommended.

Lauerdale L. Taber, aged 86 years, served as a deputy provost marshal in ninth Kentucky district, from November 13, 1863, to June 1, 1864, and from June 6, 1864, to April 30, 1865 (1 year 5 months and 17 days), and is now a pensioner under the act of July 14, 1862, at \$9 per month on account of pistol-shot wound of left hip.

Address. Olive Hill, Ky.

Board of surgeons. March 4, 1910, found pensioned cause and results.

Medical testimony is that applicant, by reason of his physical condition, is unable to do manual labor.

Lay testimony is to the point that his only support is his pension of \$9 a month. The little real estate he owns is too poor to farm and consists of a small sassafras ridge, and, further, he requires the continuous attention of another person to look after him.

An increase to \$30 is recommended.