

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

SOLDIERS' SERVICE RECORDS

No. 41484

VETERAN

Adeline Comins

RANK

Private

SERVICE

U.S. Army

DATE

1945

BUNDLE NO.

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Adeline Gonzans

Nurse Med. Dept. U. S. Col.

[PRIVATE—No. 761.]

An act to provide a pension for Mrs. Adeline Cousins.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension-roll the name of Mrs. Adeline Cousins, at the rate of thirty dollars per month.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Oct 10 1888

The above is a true copy of the original as certified by the Department of State.

Genl. Howard
Chief Clerk

U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
DIVISION OF LANDS
OCT 11 1888

BUREAU OF PENSIONS
OCT 10 1888
OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK
Per 11/18/88

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O. M. 700
 Invalid No. 67407
 Adeline Cousins
 Co. Nurse Regt. 100
 REGULAR ARMY FILES
 OCT 16 1888
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Department of the Interior
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D.C.

NOT PAID
 DIVISION
 OCT 16 1888
 Oldman & Naves

Sir,

Will you have the kindness to advise the Bureau as to the present Post Office address of Mrs. Adeline Cousins, in whose favor Congress has granted a pension.

As soon as the above is known, final action will be taken.

Very respectfully,
 Wm. E. McLean,
 Actg. Commissioner.

Hon. Pros. W. Palmer,
 U. S. Senate.

[Handwritten signature]

to Senator Palmer
 Mrs. Cousins last address, was
 St. Louis Mo. - Olive St I think -
 Jas. M. Shepard
 Secy.

Senator Palmer has left the city.

Special Act.

ORIGINAL INVALID CLAIM

Mrs. *Adeline Cousins*
 Soldier, *Chive street*
 P. O., *St. Louis* Mo. Rank, *Nurse*
 County, *St. Louis* Mo. Company, *U.S.A.*
 State, *Mo.* Regiment, *U.S.A.*
 Rates, \$ *30* per month, commencing *October 1, 1888.*

Special Act

Pensioned for

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, _____ Fee, \$ _____, Agent _____ to pay.
 P. O., _____ Articles filed _____, 18 ____

APPROVALS.

Approved for *Admission*
 Submitted *Oct. 17*, 1888; *Alfred B. Lind*, Examiner.

Approved for *Admission*
Rate of \$300 per month
in accordance with
Special Act of Congress
app'd Oct 1 - 1888

Approved for _____

Oct 19/88 *J. L. Paine* Legal Reviewer. _____, Med. Ex'r, _____, Med. Reviewer,
Oct 20, 1888 *Albright* Re-Reviewer. _____, 1888, _____, Med. Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted, _____, 18 ____ service from _____
 Mustered _____, 18 ____ to _____, 18 ____ in
 Discharged _____, 18 ____
 Declaration filed _____, 18 ____ Not in service since _____, 18 ____

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Special Act

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 27, 1888.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 2356.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2356) to provide a pension for Mrs. Adeline Couzins, have examined the same and report:

The beneficiary of the bill under consideration was among the first of the noble women who left homes of refinement and ease to minister to the wants of the wounded and dying during the late civil war. Foreseeing the desperate character of the conflict, Mrs. Couzins volunteered her services as nurse as early as April, 1861. When the news came to Saint Louis of the disastrous battle of Wilson's Creek, at which Lyon fell, she was the first to meet the retreating army and minister to the wounded where they were found, shelterless or in camp, with hospital stores and clothing which she had herself, in part, collected.

Afterwards, until the close of the war, recognized by the Sanitary Commission, and, acting under its direction, she continued her labors throughout the West and Southwest—labors which, gratuitously rendered, were priceless in value, and portrayed an equal heroism to that shown on any field of conflict. Her charity was as broad as it was self-sacrificing; for the Union soldier, the Confederate, and the refugee, when suffering, were one in her attention and regard. Her services are certified to by the Hon. James E. Yeatman, of Saint Louis, late president of the Western Sanitary Commission, who, under date of February 7, 1888, writes as follows to the Hon. Thomas W. Palmer, of the Senate:

It is with very great pleasure that, as president of the Western Sanitary Commission, I bear testimony to the great and valuable services rendered by Mrs. Adeline Couzins during the war, both in the field and in hospitals, and on our transport boats bearing the sick and wounded from the various battle-fields. Among the first of the noble women to volunteer their services as nurse was Mrs. Couzins, and she was ever ready throughout the whole period of the war, night and day, through the heat of summer and the cold of winter, to go wherever her services were needed; in camp among the sick, to the battle-field, in the hospitals, on the river transports; anywhere and everywhere the sick, wounded, and dying needed her ministering services. She also nursed and served the refugees who were driven from their homes, and who sought refuge in our city and were placed by the Government under the charge of the Sanitary Commission.

Mrs. Couzins' efforts were not spasmodic; she worked steadily. When not in the field she was looking after the sick in our hospitals. Her attention was not alone given to the sick and wounded Union soldiers. The sick and wounded prisoners who were sent to our city in large numbers claimed her attention and care. I presume there was not a day from the arrival of our first wounded from the battle of Wilson's

MRS. ADELINE COUZINS.

Creek to the close of the war that Mrs. Couzins was not engaged in the service of mercy and patriotism. I can truly say from my personal knowledge that there was no regular paid nurse who rendered greater or more varied service than this noble and patriotic woman. She never received anything or asked for any compensation for her valuable services.

If there is any one deserving of recognition for services rendered it is Mrs. Couzins, and I hope Congress will recognize these services, of which she stands greatly in need in her old age. She is infirm and a sufferer, and I doubt not from exposure and other causes connected with the war.

With the sincere hope that Congress will pass a special bill granting a pension to Mrs. Adeline Couzins commensurate with the services rendered by her for a period of more than three years, I remain,

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. YEATMAN,
President of the Western Sanitary Commission.

Testimony to the same purport from others in position to know of the extent and character of the services performed by this devoted woman during the war is in the hands of the committee, but these services were so well known and appreciated that it is not considered necessary to multiply the evidence here. The sacrifices and suffering endured by Mrs. Couzins were not confined to expenditures of time and money, nor to the inroads upon her health consequent upon her years of labor and exposure. At the first battle of Vicksburg, while employed in her work of mercy, she was struck in her knee by a spent ball from the enemy's breastworks, which, while it did not at the time prevent her ministrations to the wounded on the field, has since been a source of pain and disability, and she carries still the wound which is the badge of her devoted patriotism and philanthropy. In her old age she is bereft of the fortune out of which, twenty-five years ago, she lavishly spent in the cause of mercy and humanity.

It is proposed by the bill under consideration that the Government shall contribute towards securing her remaining days from want. The committee report the bill favorably and recommend its passage.

[3-216.]

Ex'r.

Ex'r.

INVALID.

No.

674 007

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

Adeline Bourzins

P. O.

Service:

*Nurse Medical Dept.
U.S. Army.*

Enlisted:

18

Discharged:

18

Date of Act.
Application filed:

Oct 1, 1888.

Alleges:

Re-enlisted:

BOARD REVIEW
OCT 19 1888

Attorney:

Claimant

P. O.

Recognized.

Contract.

Cert. of Dis.

Searched for

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Adeline Bourzins
for address *Adel*

INVALID. (Series _____)

Cert. No. 411484V

Name, *Adeline Cousins*

Rank, *Nurse*; Service, *U. S. Army*

Original Roll: *Topeka*

Agency, *Transf'd*, 18____, to _____

" _____, 18____, to _____

Issued *Oct. 22*, 1888

Mailed *" 23*, 1888

Rate and Period, \$ *20*, from *Oct. 1*, 1888

Special Act

Deductions: _____

Disability: *Allowed under Special Act approved Oct. 1 1888.*

Issued _____, 18____

Mailed _____, 18____

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Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Deductions: _____

Disability: _____

INDORSEMENTS

*1891 Dec. 5. No. Permit
See A. D. J. B.
1895 Jan. 29. Feb. Permit
1892 May 2 - Permit for May
Letter to see A. D. - M. J.*

Accounting office, _____
6132 _____ *96*

Boarding for regulation.
Aug 13, 97 OER

Entered Issue. Class. *High*
Atty. Gen.

Entered Issue. Class.

Dec. 3/012 Katz M Scot
nothing paid, Cl. paid by
spl. act at \$30. now dead,
Jed W.

(3-230.)

INVALID. (Series.....)

Cert. No. 411484

Name, *Addine Cousins*
Rank, *Nurse*; Service, *U. S. Army*

Original Roll: *Topeka*

Agency. Transf'd....., 18....., to.....

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Issued *Oct. 22*, 1888

Mailed *11 23*, 1888

Rate and Period, \$ *30*, from *Oct. 1*, 1888

Special Act.

Deductions:

Disability: *Allowed under Special Act approved Oct. 1 1888.*

Issued....., 18

Mailed....., 18

Rate and Period, \$....., from....., 18

Deductions:

Disability:

High. Army. nurse

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