

LAW DIVISION

Act of March 3, 1899.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1916.

Mrs. Archible Rose,
 R.R. 5 Box 5, Fort Collins,
 Colorado.

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Madam:

Carefully read attached copy of the act of March 3, 1899, and, if the case referred to comes within its provisions, the claimant may execute the declaration herewith, alleging in the blank space provided therefor that the pensioner deserted her on.....(fix exact date if possible), or that he is an inmate of a State or National Soldiers' Home, naming the home, and forward same to this Bureau, together with ALL the evidence necessary to establish a PRIMA FACIE case as indicated below:

Evidence which must accompany a declaration under the first or desertion proviso--

1. Proof of marriage (see instructions herewith).
2. The testimony of at least two competent witnesses showing that pensioner has deserted claimant for a period of OVER SIX MONTHS, giving the date and cause of the desertion, and also showing that claimant is a woman of good moral character and in necessitous circumstances.

Declarations filed under the SECOND or THIRD proviso require all the evidence above indicated except that as to desertion, and in claims under the SECOND or STATE HOME proviso claimant's witnesses should also testify as to whether or not she is an inmate of any institution or home provided for the wives and children of soldiers and sailors.

All evidence, except record evidence, must be under oath, and the witnesses must state their names in full, ages, post-office addresses (with street and number, or rural route, if any), and means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify; and their credibility should be certified to by the officer before whom the affidavits are executed, if he can consistently do so, in his own handwriting.

A declaration, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE EVIDENCE HEREIN INDICATED WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE BUREAU AND ITS RETURN TO THE APPLICANT WILL BE THE INEVITABLE RESULT.

This letter should be returned with the application and evidence. In all communications you should sign your own Christian name

Respectfully,

Commissioner.