

**DOCUMENT 18 – LETTER FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON REQUESTING A
PENSION FOR A WAR VETERAN’S WIDOW**

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Gov. Henry Horner,

My dear Sir.-

Not knowing who to direct this letter to for the following information I feel certain you will place it in the right hands.

My husband died on May 8th at his desk in the Hall of Science, Century of Progress. We are residents of Illinois and I am writing to see if there is a pension available to a widow in the State of Illinois.

Walter Reichardt (my husband) was a veteran of the Boxer Rebellion in China (cited for ~~p~~ bravery) in the Spanish American War, Phillipine Insurrection, Mexican Border trouble and two years and four months in France during the World War I have been unable to claim a pension from the Spanish American or World War as his ^{death} was not due to either war. He left no estate and it seems as though a mans widow who has served his country such as he has is entitled to a pension, however small.

Very truly,

Mrs. Walter Reichardt

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