

**DOCUMENT 23 – LETTER REQUESTING A PENSION FOR A VETERAN’S WIDOW  
FROM LITCHFIELD**

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**TRANSCRIPTION**

1405 N. Franklin Street  
Litchfield, Illinois  
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Govenor Henry Horner,  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Govenor:

I wish to ask you if there is a law providing for a pension for soldiers widows. I read an article in the paper two years ago where there had been a law providing for \$20 for the widow and \$6 per. child per. mo. However I have not been able to find out any more concerning it.

I am a soldiers widow, with 7 children age from 15 to 3 years. My youngest are twins born three weeks after their father was killed when his car was struck by a fast express train as he was returning home from a neighbor after borrowing medicine for a sick horse.

The R.R. company did not allow me any damages, or funeral expenses.

Our living expenses are large and what money we had is almost exhausted.

My husband was disabled during his service and drew at one time for two years a 30% disability and 10% to the time of death. I have been told due to this I am entitled to some pension.

My husbands name and claim no are John E. Huber. C-341769.

If you can not be of any service to me please forward to the right party.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Martha Vallie Huber