

Pensions when not allowed to widows abandoning their children or when unsuitable to have custody of them.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That if any officer, soldier, or seaman shall have died of wounds received or of disease contracted in the line of duty in the military or naval service of the United States, leaving a widow and a child or children under the age of sixteen years, and it shall be duly certified under seal, by any court having probate jurisdiction, that satisfactory evidence has been produced before such court that the widow aforesaid has abandoned the care of such child or children, or is an unsuitable person, by reason of immoral conduct, to have the custody of the same, then no pension shall be allowed to such widow until said minor child or children shall have become sixteen years of age, any previous enactment to the contrary notwithstanding; and the minor child or children aforesaid shall be pensioned in the same manner as if no widow had survived the said officer, soldier, or seaman, and such pension may be paid to the regularly authorized guardian of such minor or minors.

Children to receive the pensions:

When orphan brother or sister may receive pension.  
1862, ch. 166, § 4.  
Vol. xii. p. 567.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That section four of an act entitled "An act to grant pensions," approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, is hereby so amended that the provisions thereof shall apply to and include the orphan brother or brothers, as well as sister or sisters, under sixteen years of age, and the father as well as mother of a deceased officer or other person named in section one of the above entitled act, who were dependent upon him for support in whole or in part, subject to the same limitations and restrictions.

1864, ch. 247, § 6.  
Vol. xiii. p. 388,  
not modified.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this or any other act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify the sixth section of an act entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to grant pensions,' approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, or to entitle a person to receive more than one pension at the same time, and in every case in which a claim for pension shall not have been filed within three years after the discharge or decease of the party on whose account the claim is made, the pension, if allowed, shall commence from the date of filing the last paper in said case by the party prosecuting the same.

No person to receive more than one pension at a time.

If claim for pension is not filed in three years, pension to commence from what date.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the fourteenth section of an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to grant pensions,' approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and that the widows and children of colored soldiers and sailors who have been or may be hereafter killed, or who have died or may hereafter die of wounds received or of disease contracted in the military or naval service of the United States, and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to receive the pensions, bounty, and back pay provided by law, without other evidence of marriage than proof, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Pensions, that the parties had habitually recognized each other as man and wife, and lived together as such; and the children born of any marriage so proved shall be deemed and taken to be the children of the soldier or sailor party thereto.

Repeal of 1864,  
ch. 247, § 14.  
Vol. xiii. p. 389.

Widows, &c., of colored soldiers, &c., may receive pensions, &c., upon what proof of marriage.

APPROVED, June 6, 1866.

June 8, 1866.

CHAP. CX. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Military Academy for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.*

Appropriations for Military Academy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven:

Pay, &c

For pay of officers, instructors, cadets, and musicians, one hundred and fifty-four thousand eight hundred and forty dollars.

For commutation of subsistence, four thousand five hundred and sixty-one dollars.

For pay in lieu of clothing to officers' servants, one hundred and fifty-six dollars.

For current and ordinary expenses, fifty-eight thousand dollars.

For increase and expense of library, two thousand dollars.

For expenses of board of visitors, three thousand dollars.

For forage for artillery and cavalry horses, fifteen thousand dollars.

For horses for artillery and cavalry practice, one thousand dollars.

For repairs of officers' quarters, five thousand dollars.

For targets and batteries for artillery practice, five hundred dollars.

For furniture for cadets' hospital, one hundred dollars.

For gas pipes, gasometers, and retorts, three hundred dollars.

For reflooring academic buildings and barracks, six thousand dollars.

For the purchase of fuel for warming mess hall, shoemakers' and tailors' shops, two thousand dollars.

For materials for quarters for subaltern officers, three thousand dollars.

For continuing the erection of memorial tablets and mural monuments to deceased officers of the regular army, and of volunteers; arranging and preserving trophies of war; and marking with proper inscriptions the guns captured during the rebellion, five thousand dollars.

For enlarging and improving the cemetery, and for repairing the enclosure thereof, five thousand dollars.

For the removal to a safe place, and reconstruction of the magazine, ten thousand dollars.

For ventilating and heating the barracks and other academic buildings; improving the apparatus for cooking for the cadets; repairing the hospital buildings, including the introduction of baths for the sick; the construction of water closets in the library building; and new furniture for the recitation rooms, twenty thousand dollars.

For the removal and enlargement of the gas works, six thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no person who has served in any capacity in the military or naval service of the so-called Confederate States during the late rebellion shall hereafter receive an appointment as a cadet at the Military or Naval Academy.

APPROVED, June 8, 1866.

Ordinary expenses.  
Library.  
Board of visitors.  
Forage for horses.  
Horses.  
Repairs.  
Targets, &c.

Memorial tablets, &c.

Cemetery.

Magazine.

Ventilation, heating, &c.

Gas works.

Who not to be appointed to Military or Naval Academy.

CHAP. CXI. — *An Act making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for Contingent Expenses of the House of Representatives of the United States, for the Fiscal Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.*

June 8, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated:

Deficiency appropriation for contingent expenses of the House of Representatives.

For miscellaneous items, ten thousand dollars.

For folding documents, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars.

For furniture and repairs, and packing boxes for members, ten thousand dollars.

For stationery, fifteen thousand dollars, for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

Approved, June 8, 1866.

CHAP. CXIV. — *An Act to amend the Postal Laws.*

June 12, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, prepaid and free letters shall

prepaid and free letters to be forwarded upon request, &c.