

Mayville, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

October 17th, 1907.

Dear Mr Davenport:

I am writing you personally in behalf of a poor bereaved and afflicted soldier, viz William Marshall, Private in Co. "F" 33rd N. Y. Infantry, member of the Carpenter Post G. A. R. of this village.

He is already on the Pension Rolls, Certificate No. 669511, at \$12. a month. He is nearly 69 years old and has been unable to do anything for his own support for several years. He is a sort of second class watch maker, and had a little shop where he tinkered a little. He had an only son, who has been so good to his old parents, living with them and had learned his father's trade. He was 33 years old and unmarried. He had helped them in every way, and they had just paid for their little home in which he had a shop. The old mother has been for some years a sort of village baker, and the boy used always to get up at 3 o'clock in the morning to knead the bread for her and was so kind in every way. He was taken ill of some sort of kidney trouble a few weeks ago and died after a few days illness. The mother was so worn out by hard work that a couple of months ago, they had persuaded her to go for a little trip to visit relatives in the West, so she was absent when her boy was taken ill, but reached home 24 hours before he passed away.

They have their little home, but nothing more and are both una-

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ble to do anything to earn their living. Their case is most pitiful. Is he not entitled to an increase of pension? If from my statement of the case, you should think so, will you have sent me for him the proper blanks to fill out and instructions--if such are necessary-- as to how to proceed?

I have just been to see these poor afflicted people and gave my word to them that I would do all I could to help them and hasten the matter as the son's illness and the funeral expenses had taken up all his little store and they were quite destitute. On coming home I met the Commander of the G. A. R. Post, who said his comrades would aid me in my efforts in every way possible when they knew what to do.

I enclose a separate sheet with the data embodied in this letter.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,