- Sec. 3. That before the name of any person shall be placed upon the pension-rolls under this Act, proof shall be made, under such rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Pensions, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall prescribe, that the applicant is entitled to a pension under this Act; and any person who shall falsely take any oath required to be taken under the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of perjury; and the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be stricken from the rolls the name of any person, when it shall appear, by proof satisfactory to him, that such name was put on said rolls by or through false or fraudulent representations, or by mistake as to the right of such person to a pension under this Act. The loss or lack of a certificate of discharge shall not deprive the applicant of the benefit of this Act, but other proof of the service performed and of an honorable discharge, if satisfactory, shall be deemed sufficient; and when there is no record evidence of such service and such discharge, the applicant may establish the same by other satisfactory testimony; Provided, That when any person has been granted a land-warrant under any Act of Congress for and on account of service in the said war of eighteen hundred and twelve, such grant shall be prima facie evidence of his service and honorable discharge, so as to entitle him, if living, or his widow, if he be dead, to a pension under this Act: but such evidence shall not be conclusive, and may be rebutted by evidence that such land-warrant was improperly granted.
- Sec. 4. That all applications for pensions of the classes provided for in this Act heretofore or which may hereafter be made, shall be considered and decided as though made under this Act; and all laws now in force in regard to the manner of paying pensions, and in reference to the punishment of frauds, shall be applicable to all claims under the provisions of this Act.
- Sec. 5. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to restore to the pension-rolls the names of all persons now surviving heretofore pensioned on account of service in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, against Great Britain, or for service in any of the Indian wars, and whose names were stricken from the rolls in pursuance of the Act entitled an Act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to strike from the pension-rolls the names of such persons as have taken up arms against the government, or who have in any manner encouraged the rebels, approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and that the joint resolution, entitled "Joint Resolution prohibiting payment by any officer of the govern-