

To the President and Directors of the Pim-
bston and Hightstown Railroad Company

Your Petitioner Catherine N. Nutt of
the Township of Upper Freehold, in the County
of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, re-
spectfully represents, that she is the widow
of William Nutt late of the Township of
West Freehold in the County of Mercer - that
she is at this date Seventy years of
age, and unable to support and main-
tain herself, and is to a considerable ex-
tent dependent upon her son Patrick Pie-
hill - that her income at this time from
all sources is only about one Hundred
dollars annually - that her husband was
at the time of his death in the employ of
the Pimberton & Hightstown R.R. Co. aiding
in the construction thereof, having been hir-
ed for that purpose by Robbins
who was a foreman or superintendent on the
said Road at the time, and while working
for the said Company as above stated, her
husband - being entirely deaf and unable to
hear the approach of an engine - was on the
evening of December, 1867 - struck by a
locomotive attached to a construction train
of the said Company and instantly killed
and your petitioner here states that by reason
of the promise she has been reduced to her

present unhappy circumstances, that the said husband from the time of his ^{with her} decease, has failed to give her a good and comfortable home and support until he was deprived of life as above stated.

Therefore in view of the above detailed circumstances, and the present necessities - your petitioner would respectfully but earnestly ask, that your board will **grant** her such yearly allowance, or sum in fees - to be paid at such time or times and manner as will be right - as will in some slight measure compensate her, for the great and irreparable loss which she has sustained by the said company, in the death of her husband - and render her independent of the support of others during the for or remaining years of her life -

Respectfully submitted for consideration by -

April 28. 1870

Catherine B. Pett

Petition of
Catherine R. Pratt
for Compensation
April 28, 1870