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CHAP. 695.—An act to authorize the location of a branch home for volunteer disabled soldiers in Grant County, Indiana, and for other purposes. July 23, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the board of managers of the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers are hereby authorized and directed to locate a branch of the Home at some suitable point in Grant County, State of Indiana. The same shall not be located on a tract of land less than two hundred acres in extent. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. Branch to be located in Grant County, Ind.

SEC. 2. That said branch home shall be located, and the ground purchased by said board of managers, within three months, or as soon thereafter as practicable, from the approval of this act. Location.

SEC. 3. That within six months, or as soon thereafter as practicable, from the approval of this act, the said board of managers shall commence the erection of a suitable building or buildings on the ground so purchased for the use of said branch home. That said building or buildings shall be completed at as early a day as possible: *Provided*. That the citizens of said county shall drill a natural gas well or wells on said grounds, of sufficient capacity to furnish gas for heating and lighting said buildings, and shall supply an adequate quantity of such gas free of cost to the Government. Building. *Proviso.* Gas.

SEC. 4. That the sum of two hunded thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned and the improvement of the grounds of said branch home. Appropriation.

SEC. 5. That all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion, who are disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living, shall be admitted into the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. Admission.

Approved, July 23, 1888.

CHAP. 696.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River between Clay county and Jackson county, Missouri, at a point to be selected consistent with the interests of river navigation between Kansas City, Missouri, and a point within five miles below said city. July 23, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Randolph and Kansas City Bridge Company, a corporation duly created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Missouri, its successors or assigns, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, between Clay County and Jackson County, in the State of Missouri, at some point at least one-fourth of a mile from any other bridge, to be selected consistent with the interests of river navigation between Kansas City, Missouri, and a point within five miles below said city. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, wagons, and vehicles of all kinds, steam and street cars, animals, foot-passengers, and for all road travel, for such reasonable rates of toll and under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said corporation, its successors and assigns, and be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War. Randolph and Kansas City Bridge Company may bridge Missouri River at Kansas City, Mo. Railway, wagon, and foot bridge.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge, and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph companies; Lawful structure and post-route.