Blossom McGillic in Morton County, North Dakota. In any such suit brought pursuant to this Act, proceedings shall be had and the liability, if any, of the United States shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of law applicable in the case of tort claims against the United States: *Provided, however*, That nothing in this Act does or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of the United States.

Approved May 7, 1951.

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AN ACT

May 8, 1951
[S. 768]

Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims of the United States to hear, determine, and render judgment on the claims of G. T. Elliott, Incorporated, and M. F. Quinn.

G. T. Elliott, Inc., and M. F. Quinn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims of the United States to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of G. T. Elliott, Incorporated, and the claim of M. F. Quinn, both of Hampton, Virginia, against the United States for compensation for damage sustained by said claimants by reason of the injury to their oyster beds, loss of leased oyster bottoms, loss of oysters and clams, in Willoughby Bay, Virginia, as a result of dredging operations carried on in behalf of the United States in connection with the establishment of aviation shore facilities at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, in the years 1940 and 1941: *Provided*, That suit hereunder shall be instituted within six months from the date of the enactment of this Act, notwithstanding the lapse of time or any statute of limitation. Proceedings for the determination of such claims, and appeals from, and payment of any judgment thereon shall be had in the same manner as in the case of claims over which the Court of Claims has jurisdiction under title 28, of the Judicial Code, section 1497.

62 Stat. 941.
28 U. S. C., Sup. IV, § 1497.

Approved May 8, 1951.

Private Law 21 CHAPTER 48

AN ACT

May 9, 1951
[S. 568]

For the relief of George W. Purdy.

George W. Purdy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $810.50 to George W. Purdy, of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for adjustment of retirement pay for the period July 1, 1933, to January 2, 1938, as a retired employee of the former Lighthouse Service of the Coast Guard: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with said claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in

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