west, Adams County, Mississippi; and lots 3, 4, and 5 of section 1, township 4 north, range 5 west, Adams County, Mississippi. The said Jesse Bell, having complied with all the provisions of section 2 of the Act of July 14, 1832 (6 Stat. 523), was entitled to be issued a patent for such land in 1833; but no such patent was ever issued due to the fact that the documents required by such Act were lost or misplaced after they had been duly filed by him.

SEC. 2. The tracts of land described by the first section of this Act shall be conveyed upon the payment by the successors of Jesse Bell of the appraised value of the lands, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, if payment is made within one year after the Secretary has given suitable notification of the price of the lands. The Secretary shall have the appraisal made on the basis of the value of the lands at the date of appraisal, exclusive of any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the lands by Jesse Bell or his successors in interest. In such appraisal, the Secretary shall consider and give full effect to the equities of the said successors.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall issue patent for said lands without any reservation of minerals.

Approved June 3, 1954.

Private Law 387 CHAPTER 256

June 3, 1954
[H. R. 1769]

AN ACT

For the relief of Mrs. Oscar F. Brown.

Mrs. Oscar F. Brown.

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 $6,000 to Mrs. Oscar F. Brown, of 2739 Lilly Avenue, Fresno, California, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for personal injuries sustained by her husband, Oscar F. Brown, as the result of an accident involving a United States Army airplane at the Madera Airport, Madera, California, on July 2, 1942. Oscar F. Brown died subsequent to the passage of this bill by the House of Representatives: *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 attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved June 3, 1954.

Private Law 388 CHAPTER 257

June 3, 1954
[H. R. 2022]

AN ACT

For the relief of Don B. Whelan.

Don B. Whelan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Don B. Whelan, of Lincoln, Nebraska, be, and he is hereby, relieved of all liability to refund to the United States any part of the moneys erroneously paid to him by the United States as salary for the period