

54 Stat. 1168.  
8 U. S. C. § 801 (e).

ing the provisions of section 401 (e) of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended, Mrs. Clara Raffloer Dreesse shall be held and considered to have retained her United States citizenship.

[Note by the Federal Register Division.—The foregoing Act, having been presented to the President of the United States on Monday, June 25, 1951, for his approval and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

### Private Law 145

### CHAPTER 218

#### AN ACT

July 9, 1951  
[H. R. 512]

Conferring jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Mrs. Walter J. Bickford.

Mrs. Walter J. Bickford.

*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 United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Mrs. Walter J. Bickford, of Andover, Massachusetts, against the United States for damages sustained as a result of blasting operations conducted on the Merrimack River near Lowell, Massachusetts, during the year 1937 in connection with the prosecution of a flood-control project under the supervision of the Army engineers.

SEC. 2. In the determination of such claim, the United States shall be held liable for such damages, and for any acts committed by any of its officers or employees, to the same extent as if the United States were a private person.

SEC. 3. Suit upon such claim may be instituted at any time within one year after the enactment of this Act, notwithstanding the lapse of time or any statute of limitation: *Provided,* That the city of Lowell, Massachusetts, is named as a party defendant in said suit. Proceedings for the determination of such claim, and appeals from and payment of any judgment thereon, shall be in the same manner as in the cases of claims over which such court has jurisdiction under the provisions of section 1346 of title 28, United States Code, as amended. Enactment of this Act shall not be construed as an implication of liability on the part of the United States.

62 Stat. 933.

Approved July 9, 1951.

### Private Law 146

### CHAPTER 224

#### AN ACT

July 13, 1951  
[S. 536]

For the relief of the estate of Sidney Lomax, deceased.

Estate of Sidney Lomax.

*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 is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the estate of Sidney Lomax, deceased, the sum of \$5,000 in full satisfaction of all claims against the United States for compensation for the death of the said Sidney Lomax, who died as a result of injuries received when he was struck by a United States Army truck in Starkville, Mississippi, on November 27, 1943: *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