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with my letter but I do  
feel that you I want to  
spare that I would get  
that picture.

for the gentleman in the  
State House told me he  
was there I would get it  
if I was not in want of  
it to make perhaps I would

I thank you for your  
kindness in sending me  
word

respectfully Yours

Anna Rowland

Oh I must soon see her  
to have that what I wish

(M)  
22 Queen St  
Boston Mass.

August 27 1864

Dear Sir

I received note from  
you that as I did not  
hear in Boston I am  
at Roxbury the court was  
I would not see

you - I am sure  
that I cannot leave me I  
am in need of it as I am  
old and sick and I have  
no one that I can call for  
help and I shall not want  
the money very long for  
I will live to see the  
war over.

but you can't know what  
help it would have been to  
me if I could get it.  
my husband James Rowland  
entered in the U.S. Army  
in 1848 and was the  
senior for over 12 years.  
I was married to him  
since 1826 he was in the  
service then until 1870.  
he came home to me sick  
and died 1873.  
I had one child the first  
1848 and I had to come  
money then but I have  
been sick & since the  
last my name is all  
gone. I cannot take or  
tell any one that I am  
so badly in need of help

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spring I was sold and  
bought heavily but I could  
not buy I had rather  
this I have and am  
getting what I have that I  
sell of my household  
things that is when I  
can get any one to buy  
them.  
I have all of my husband's  
enlistment papers and the  
letter that came with his  
interval of honor in 1844 on  
the United States at White  
Bay August 3, 1844.



No. 22 Bower Street,  
Roxbury, Mass.

August 5<sup>th</sup>.1901.

I received notice from you that as I did not marry my husband, James S Roantree during the civil war I could not have my pension restored. I am sorry that I cannot have it for I am in need of it, as I am old and sick and have no one that I can ask for help and I shall not want the pension very long for I will not live to see the Winter but you can't know what help it would have been to me if I could get it. My husband James S Roantree enlisted in the Marines in 1858 and was in the service for over 12 years. I was married to him June 15<sup>th</sup>. 1866. He was in the service then and until 1870, he came home to me sick and died in 1873.

I had one child who died in 1898 and I had been mourning then and have been sick since she died. My money is all gone. I cannot ask or tell anyone that I am so badly in need of help. Many times last Winter and Spring I was cold and hungry but I could not beg, I would rather die. I have and am selling what I have and what I can sell of my household things, that is when I can get anyone to buy them.

I have all my husband's enlistment papers, and the letter that came with his medal of honour in 1864 on the SS Oneida at Mobile Bay August 5 1864.

I am sorry to have troubled you with my letter, but I do feel bad for I was too sure that I would get that pension for the gentleman in the State house told me he was sure I would get it if I was not in want of it too much perhaps I would get it.

I thank you for your kindness in sending some word.

Yours Respectfully,

Anna Roantree Sief, widow.

P.S. I send you this paper to prove that what I say is true.