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COMMISSIONER TANNER RECOGNIZES THE CLAIMS OF A GOWANDIAN.

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Mr. M. N. Allen has procured for Benjamin Wilkinson of Chapel St., an increase of pension from \$6 to \$14 per month, the increase to date from August 19, 1884, he will therefore receive over \$400 back pay.

Mr. Wilkinson is upwards of seventy years of age, and enlisted from this place in 1862 in Co. K. 154th Regiment. The old comrades of Uncle Ben congratulate him on his good fortune in having his claim allowed and as we understand this is the first of Mr. Allen's pension claims, he is entitled to the thanks of "Uncle Ben's" friends for the rapidity with which he has prosecuted this claim to a successful termination. We understand the application for an increase was made less than a year ago, it was allowed April 6, 1889, and is the first recognition by Corporal Tanner of the claims of Gowandians in the pension department.

*Courtesy of Phil Palen, Gowanda, New York*