

## JUNIOR HISTORIANS

# Equal Pay: Mary Ann Vincent

## Transcript

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Mr lincoln kind sir pleas parden me for intruding upon your time a very litel but sucamstancis ar such that a presumton can bee ovrlookd at such times my husban is a soaldger in the army he Enlistid the 15 of last december and has ben gon evar sence and he has not reseaved eny pay since he has bin gon i am sick and have a family of littel children to tak car of and have no means to car for them with and a solgers wife is lookd upon as some one that nevor wants as long as her husban is in the army alive i canot get the least bit of help hear i have tride evry way and evry one tells me if my husban is in your survice i must go to you for asistance when i was abel to work i don well enough i am willing to work for my self so that my husban can work for his country i am proud to bee the wife of a union soalger i could live on most eny thing so that i could live atall but i canot earn a singel sent i am sick in bead now as i write and my littel ones are a crying for bread and i have none to give them but i put my trust in god i no he does all things well and i donot think he has made eny of his creaturs to let them diy with destatuton and as evry one has advised me to aply to you for astance i in a humbel maner do so in prayr and beleaving that god will mak menifest to your hart how very needy i am my husban belongs to the 20 new york regiment of infantry co H of united stats Colord tropes he is in camp calumetta new orleans in state of loueasana you will find i have told you the [illegible word]<sup>11</sup> of the oficers comanding the regiment that he has not had eny pay nor eny of the regiment i ask you in the name of our hevny father to try to give me some releaf for i am needy if evor eny mortil was do kind and honribeel sir pleas lend an ear to my patition for if i was not in the soarist distress i should nevor dar to presume to adress you but i think one that strives for the good of ther country as you do could nevor let another fello cretur sufer to death

that is a doing all that in their power to help put down the rebel and restore peace and union  
which I hope through the help of God may soon reign over the land I will now close praying  
you to hear my prayer

I am most respectfully your obedient servant

Mrs Mary Ann Vinson

My husband's name is Amos Vinson

