

ANN HEINRICI.

MARCH 3, 1879.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. METCALFE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2498.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Ann Heinrici, asking for pension, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following report:

The petitioner's husband, Frederick Heinrici, late sergeant of ordnance, Company G, Fourth Regiment Artillery, U. S. A., entered the service of the United States on June 10, 1829, enlisting for five years, and re-enlisting, successively, April 27, 1835 (for three years), February 27, 1838 (for three years), July 4, 1841 (for five years), October 12, 1848 (for five years), November 1, 1853 (for five years), November 1, 1858 (for five years), November 1, 1863 (for five years), and November 1, 1868 (for three years), having served for nearly thirty-seven years at the time of his death, May 5, 1869, at the Saint Louis arsenal.

During this period the deceased served in the following wars: Black Hawk war of 1832, Florida war, Mexican war, second Florida war, and war of the rebellion.

During the Black Hawk war the deceased was detailed for duty as nurse for cholera patients during an epidemic which decimated the garrison of Fort Dearborn, near Chicago, at that time.

Having saved up about \$1,700 during his long term of service, the deceased bought United States bonds, some six months before his death, at a Saint Louis bank, but was robbed of them by thieves, who had noticed the transaction, while on the way home. This loss so preyed upon his mind that he died six months afterward, leaving his aged widow, the petitioner, to whom he was married October 25, 1834, penniless and utterly destitute.

In view of these facts, your committee respectfully recommend that the bill under consideration be passed.

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