
HANNAH M. WRIGHT.

MAY 21, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1328.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1328) granting a pension to Hannah M. Wright, have considered the same, and report:

The said Hannah M. Wright is the widow of Brevet Brig. Gen. Joseph J. B. Wright, late a colonel and surgeon in the United States Army. The said General Wright was appointed assistant surgeon of the United States Army in 1833, promoted to major and surgeon in 1844, promoted to colonel and surgeon in 1876, and was retired in December of that year, and died in the month of May, 1878, leaving the claimant as his widow, without adequate means of support.

Claimant's husband was in the said service for more than forty-three years, and during that time discharged his duty faithfully as well as skillfully, as is attested by his brevet rank.

There is herewith appended the military history of General Wright furnished the committee by the Adjutant General of the United States Army.

In view of the long and faithful services of claimant's husband, her age, and the fact that her means of support are very slender, and in view of the further fact that there are numerous precedents for such action, the committee are of opinion that claimant should be pensioned, and report the bill back to the House with a recommendation that it do pass.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 3, 1878.

Military history of Joseph J. B. Wright, late of the United States Army, as shown by the files of this office.

Appointed assistant surgeon, October, 25, 1833; major and surgeon, March 26, 1844; colonel and surgeon, July 26, 1876; retired, December 31, 1876.

Service.—On duty at Fort Gibson, Ind. Ter., from appointment to March, 1835; at Camp Des Moines, Iowa, to December, 1835; at Fort Howard, Wis., to May, 1837; awaiting orders to August 19, 1837; on duty at Fort Snelling, Minn., to October, 1838; at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to May, 1839; at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to March, 1840; in the field, Florida (Seminole Indian war), to September, 1841; on duty with First Infantry, en route to Prairie du Chien, to January, 1842; in the field, Florida, (Seminole Indian war), to March, 1843; on leave of absence to May 10, 1843, member of

Army medical board, New York City, to August, 1843; on duty at Washington, D. C., to September, 1843; at Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., to June, 1844; at Fort Marion, Fla., to August, 1845; with Eighth Infantry in the occupation of Texas to August, 1846; in the war with Mexico to May, 1848; at New Orleans, La., to June, 1848; at Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., from June 20 to December 12, 1848; *en route* to and on duty at San Antonio, Tex., to June 1, 1852; at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to April, 1857; with troops in the field quelling Kansas disturbances to November, 1857; at Saint Louis, Mo., to February, 1858; on duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; with troops for Utah expedition to July, 1858; at Saint Louis, Mo., to August, 1858; awaiting orders at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to October, 1858; on duty at Baton Rouge, La., to April 23, 1859; at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., to April, 1861; medical director, Department of Ohio, to September, 1861; medical director, Department of Missouri, to April, 1862; awaiting orders to June, 1862; on duty at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., from June 27, 1862, to December 31, 1876; when having served faithfully until over sixty-two years of age, embracing forty-three years' service in the medical department, he was, by direction of the President, retired from active service (as colonel, United States Army), in conformity with section 1244, Revised Statutes.

The records of this office furnish no evidence of sickness or disability while on duty in the medical department.

He is reported to have died of apoplexy, May 14, 1878, at Carlisle, Pa.

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Adjutant-General.

To Maj. J. W. BARINGER, U. S. A.,
For Commissioner of Pensions.

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