

SARAH R. DARLEY.

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FEBRUARY 12, 1883.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 7582.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Sarah R. Darley, widow of Thomas H. Darley, late private Company K, Second United States Dragoons, asking a pension, have considered the matter, and report:*

It appears by trustworthy documentary evidence on file that Mrs. Darley is the widow of the late Thomas H. Darley, who was a private in Company K, Second United States Dragoons, and who volunteered and was killed in action with the Apache Indians, 25th of January, 1852, at the Jornada del Muerto; that she has applied for a pension to the Commissioner of Pensions, and that her claim was rejected on the ground that there was no law to authorize the payment of a pension to a soldier in the Regular Army who was killed while fighting with the Indians in the line of his duty. The case failed for want of adequate legal provision to meet it; but the reasonableness and justice of the claim cannot be denied. The fact of death of the husband of the petitioner, while in the discharge of his duty as a soldier of the Army of the United States, is clear.

Your committee, therefore, report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

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