

VIRGINIA TAYLOR RANDALL.

MAY 24, 1886.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT :

[To accompany bill H. R. 7712.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7712) granting a pension to Virginia Taylor Randall, widow of Lieut. Col. Burton Randall, U. S. Army, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report :

The committee find that Colonel Randall was appointed in the Regular Army of the United States fifty-four years ago; that he served with credit and distinction for a period of thirty-six years; they also find that during the late war he was brevetted for faithful and meritorious service. The committee find that he served in the campaign against the Seminole Indians in Florida, and in the army of occupation and invasion in the war with Mexico. They find that in the Florida war he contracted disease from which he never recovered. The committee also find that the widow of Colonel Randall is quite old and feeble and in necessitous circumstances. The committee here insert, as part of their report, the record of Colonel Randall furnished by the War Department :

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, April 16, 1886.

Statement of the military service of Burton Randall, late of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office.

He was appointed assistant surgeon U. S. Army October 24, 1832; promoted surgeon July 7, 1838; retired October 17, 1868. He received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel March 13, 1865, "for faithful and meritorious services during the war." He was on duty at Fort Jackson, La., from October, 1832, to July, 1833; in the Indian Territory to December, 1833; in Louisiana to April, 1836; in connection with emigrating Indians to August, 1836; at Washington, D. C., to October, 1838; at Philadelphia, Pa., to April, 1839; in the Florida war against the Seminole Indians to March, 1842; at Fort Pickens, Fla., to June, 1842; in Louisiana to April, 1843; in the Indian Territory to January, 1847; with the army of occupation and invasion in the war with Mexico, to July, 1848; at Fort Barrancas, Fla., to September, 1849; at Jackson Barracks, La., to June, 1853; in the Indian Territory to August, 1857, and at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to September 26, 1861; on leave to October 26, 1861; in charge of the General Hospital at Annapolis, Md., to July, 1862; on duty at Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor, to March, 1866, and at Fort Trumbull, Conn. (on leave May 1 to June 30, 1867), to August 16, 1867; on sick leave to September 15, 1868; awaiting orders to October 17, 1868, upon which date he was retired from active service, being over sixty-two years of age, under act of July 17, 1862. On November 9, 1878, he was admitted to the Government Hospital for the Insane, in the District of Columbia, where he remained, under medical treatment, until he died, February 8, 1886.

J. C. KELTON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

The committee also append to, and make a part of, their report the affidavit of Elizabeth B. Randall and John Wirt Randall:

STATE OF MARYLAND, *Anne Arundel County, ss:*

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of April, 1886, before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said State and county, personally appeared Elizabeth B. Randall, John Wirt Randall, and being first respectively duly sworn upon the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, depose respectively and say that they respectively know Virginia Taylor Randall, who, as widow of Dr. Burton Randall, U. S. Army, deceased, has made or is about to make application to Congress for a pension, that they have respectively known the said Virginia Taylor Randall for a period of over thirty years as the wife of the said Burton Randall, and that to the best of their respective knowledge and belief the said Virginia Taylor Randall is about sixty-seven years of age, and that they have understood and believe that she was married to the said Burton Randall, deceased, in the year 1848.

Said deponents respectively further make oath and say that they have no pecuniary interest whatever in said application.

ELIZ. B. RANDALL.
J. WIRT RANDALL.

Witness:

D. C. THOMPSON.

Signed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1886.

D. C. THOMPSON,
Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Anne Arundel County.

The committee also append and make a part of their report the affidavit of Henrietta S. Magruder:

STATE OF MARYLAND, *Anne Arundel County, ss:*

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of April, 1886, before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said State and county, personally appeared Henrietta S. Magruder, of said county, to me well known, and being by me first duly sworn upon the Holy Evangels, deposes and says that she has known Virginia Taylor Randall, who, as widow of Dr. Burton Randall, U. S. Army, deceased, has made or is about to make application to Congress for a pension, and has known the said Virginia Taylor Randall since about the date of her marriage to the said Burton Randall, August 10, 1848. That deponent was sister of said Burton Randall, deceased, and knew the said Virginia Taylor Randall intimately from the year of her said marriage; that to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief the said Virginia Taylor Randall is sixty-seven years of age.

HENRIETTA S. MAGRUDER.

Witness:

D. C. THOMPSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1886.

[SEAL.]

D. C. THOMPSON, J. P.

The committee also append to and make a part of their report the statement of Hon. Joseph Wheeler:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., May 2, 1886.

General FRANK L. WOLFORD,
House of Representatives:

MY DEAR SIR: I served with and was intimately acquainted with Col. Burton Randall during the winter of 1859 and 1860. I recall conversations in his family regarding his ill health, and that it was attributed to exposure in the service and the hardships incident thereto. At this time there was no "retired list," and pension claims were not considered.

I regard the bill introduced by Mr. Willis, to grant a pension to Colonel Randall's widow, as very meritorious, and hope it will receive your favorable consideration. Mrs. Randall was, as you know, a Miss Virginia Taylor, of Kentucky, a niece of President Taylor.

With high regard, truly your friend,

JOSEPH WHEELER.

The committee recommend that, in view of all the circumstances and the age of Mrs. Randall, the bill do pass.