

NANOY MURPHY.

JULY 25, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6470.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6470) granting a pension to Nancy Murphy, have considered the same and report as follows:

The soldier, Benjamin Murphy, was a corporal in Captain Gordon's company, Illinois Volunteers, Black Hawk war, from April 30, 1832, to July 29, 1832, a period of three months. He died April 21, 1865. In 1883 the claimant, his widow, applied for pension, but owing to the lapse of years was unable to find officers or comrades who could testify that the disease which caused the soldier's death was due to his military service of 1832. The claim was for that reason rejected.

It appears from evidence in the claim and before your committee that the claimant is sixty years of age, in a destitute condition, and in poor health.

This committee have reported favorable to the House a general bill to pension the surviving soldiers and widows of soldiers who served in the old Indian wars. This case falls within the scope of that bill.

The claimant should be granted a service pension, and your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill, amended, however, by striking out in lines four and five the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws," and adding in line nine after the word "act" the words "at the rate of \$12 per month."

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