

MARGARET E. HANIE.

FEBRUARY 13, 1889.—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. 10785.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10785) granting a pension to Margaret E. Hanie, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant is the widow of Benjamin F. Hanie, deceased, who served as a soldier in Captain Inzer's Company of Georgia Mounted Volunteers, in the Creek Indian war, from October, 1837, to May, 1838. The soldier was a pensioner for inguinal hernia at the time of his death in January, 1888, but inasmuch as it can not be clearly shown whether his death was due to hernia or to paralysis, from which he was also disabled just before his death, the claim of the widow has not been allowed under the general law. It is claimed by the widow that paralysis was superinduced by the strangulation of the hernia, and in support of this view evidence in the case and before your committee establishes the fact of the strangulation of the hernia.

This bill also falls within the line of cases in which service pensions have been allowed to the survivors of the Indian wars from 1832 to 1842, and to the surviving widows of said wars.

Your committee, therefore, report back the bill recommending its passage, amended, however, by changing the word "Harnie" to "Hanie," both in the caption of the bill and in line 6 of the bill.