

SARAH McCLENACHAN.

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. 11526.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11526) granting a pension to Sarah McClenachan, have considered the same and report as follows:

The husband of the claimant served under the name of James Robinson as a private in Companies C and I, Third United States Artillery, from August 30, 1837, to August 5, 1839, in the Florida Indian war. He was discharged therefrom for disability.

In his claim for pension he declared that he incurred hernia during his military service, but being unable to find a comrade who knew of his disability in service (his certificate of discharge having been lost in the Department, and no record of the nature of his disability preserved) his claim was rejected on that ground. He was allowed a land warrant, however, under the act of 1855. His identity as the "James Robinson" of service is shown by evidence before your committee. The soldier died in 1884 from acute bronchitis, and the claim of his widow, the claimant, was rejected because the fatal disease was not due to his military service.

The widow is in her fifty-seventh year of age, is shown by the testimony of her family physician to be in feeble health, and is in needy circumstances. She was married to the soldier in 1848.

Inasmuch as her husband served in an Indian war for nearly two years, and as many service pensions have been granted to the widows of the soldiers in the Indian wars prior to the war with Mexico, your committee believe she should have a service pension, and hence recommend the passage of the bill.

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