

IRA WELLS.

FEBRUARY 21, 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. 12607.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12607) granting a pension to Ira Wells, have considered the same and report:

This is another of the claims of the survivors of the Indian wars of 1832-1842, for service pension, for whom a general bill has been favorably reported to the House. This claimant was a private in Captain Kinney's Company of Illinois Mounted Volunteers, in the Black Hawk war of 1832. He served honorably for six months and was honorably discharged.

He is now over seventy years of age, and, as shown by the testimony of prominent citizens of Geneseo, Ill., he has for four or five years been rapidly failing in health, and is now confined to his bed for the greater part of the time. He can not, in consequence, follow his profession, that of a physician, or perform any labor. He is poor, without income of any kind, and has no one to look to for support. The testimony also shows that he was a contract surgeon during the late war of the rebellion, and his neighbors attribute his present condition of health to diseases contracted during that time.

This is shown to be a very meritorious case, and the passage of the bill is recommended.