

MRS. ANNIE GIBSON YATES.

JUNE 8, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LYNCH, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 1239.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1239) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Annie Gibson Yates, have considered the same, and now submit and adopt the Senate report, as follows:

The applicant is the widow of Capt. George W. Yates, Seventh Regiment United States Cavalry, who was one of the victims of the Custer massacre. Mrs. Yates is now drawing a pension of \$20 a month, and asks that it be increased to \$50.

Capt. George W. Yates came from a family distinguished both in Army and State. His great-grandfather, Colonel Barber, of the Revolutionary Army, was also killed in action while at the head of his regiment.

Captain Yates was himself a distinguished soldier, and served during the rebellion first as a lieutenant in Fourth Michigan Volunteers, then successfully as aid-de-camp on the staff of Maj. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton, with whom he served for about four years, participating with him in all the great cavalry fights of the Potomac.

He accompanied that officer to the West, and served with him in the campaign against General Price, who invaded Missouri in 1864.

He was appointed captain in the Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry, but remained on the staff of General Pleasonton till the close of the war, when he was appointed by the President captain in the Seventh United States Cavalry. He received the appointment of major for gallant and "meritorious service" during the war, and was appointed lieutenant-colonel for "conspicuous gallantry at Gettysburgh."

At Fredericksburgh Captain Yates was dangerously wounded by a shell which exploded in the stomach of the horse he was riding.

Mrs. Captain Yates is a resident of Carlisle, Pa. She is a great-granddaughter of Col. George Gibson, who was killed at Saint Clair's defeat, in September, 1791; the granddaughter of Chief-Justice Gibson, of Pennsylvania; the daughter of the late Wm. Roberts, the eminent civil engineer, and the widow of Capt. George W. Yates, who was killed with General Custer in the war against the Sioux Indians, under Sitting Bull, June 25, 1876. Mrs. Yates is also the great-niece of Gen. George Gibson, who was appointed by President Jackson the first Commissary-General of our Army, and who filled that post with honor for forty-three years.

The committee recommend that the bill pass for \$40 per month.

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