

MARY A. R. MARTIN.

JUNE 23, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HENDERSON, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 9724.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9724) granting a pension to Mary A. R. Martin, have considered the same, and report as follows:

The claimant's late husband, John Martin, deceased, filed an application for pension in his life-time, declaring that he rendered service in the war of 1812 as a soldier in Capt. James Willis' company, Col. Ignatius Few's regiment of Georgia volunteers. He subsequently stated that, being eighty-one years old and blind, his memory was defective, but his recollection was that James or John Willis was his captain. He also remembered one Thomas Glascock, who was an officer in the regiment. The soldier also declared that, in addition to his service in the war of 1812, he served (in 1817) in the Seminole Indian war.

The Third Auditor of the United States Treasury reported that the name of John Martin was not borne on the rolls of Capt. James Willis' company of Col. J. A. Few's regiment Georgia militia, war of 1812, on file at that office, but that the name John Martin is borne as a corporal (the rank alleged to have been held by the soldier) on the roll of Capt. Thomas Glascock's company of Col. Ignatius Few's Third Regiment, Georgia Militia, from September 26, 1814, to October 12, 1814.

Glascock's company rendezvoused at Waynesborough, Ga., and it is at that place that the soldier declared he was mustered in.

John Martin's claim was rejected by the Pension Bureau on the ground that as he alleged service in Captain Willis' company he could not be presumed to be the John Martin who served in Captain Glascock's company. The claim of his widow (this claimant) was also rejected on the same ground.

The proof shows that the claimant is a woman of good reputation, but very poor. She is about 68 years old. After a review of all the facts, your committee are of the opinion that the claimant's husband served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and that she should not be deprived of her pension because he in his old age, and of a defective memory, gave as his company the name of an organization which does not bear his name on its rolls.

The bill is returned with a favorable recommendation, amended, however, by striking out the word "thirty" in line 8 and substituting in lieu thereof the word "twenty," so as to allow a pension at \$20 per month.