

COPLIN MCKELVEY.

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APRIL 21, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. NORTON, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6686.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6686) granting a pension to Coplin McKelvey, have considered the same, and report:

The claimant served from October 31, 1837, to May 8, 1838, in Capt. John Cherry's company of Tennessee Volunteers, Florida Indian war. The company was called into the United States service by the War Department.

The claimant petitions Congress to grant him a pension for said service, and he declares that by reason of old age (seventy years) he is unable to support himself by manual labor. He resides at Mount Erie, Wayne County, Ill., and his occupation is that of farmer and local preacher.

The claimant's identity, loyalty, old age, and consequent inability to support himself by manual labor, are fully established by the sworn statements of neighbors and physicians. He is also shown to be a man of good habits and character.

The above facts are also certified to by fifty-seven citizens in a petition commending the claimant's case to the favorable consideration of Congress.

The committee respectfully return the bill with the recommendation that it do pass.

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