
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 26, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 12564.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12564) granting a pension to Mrs. Martha A. Brooks, have examined the same and report:

From the facts stated in House report, which is hereby approved and is hereto attached and made a part of this report, we believe this to be a meritorious bill, and recommend that it be passed.

[House Report No. 3885, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

Mrs. Brooks is the widow of Josiah M. Brooks, who served as a private in Capt. John L. Mean's company of Georgia Volunteers, in the Creek Indian war of 1838. His service in said company covered a period of 3 months and 10 days.

In an affidavit accompanying the bill, J. M. Ammans and J. W. Arnold, citizens of Walton County, Ga., testify that Mrs. Brooks is between 70 and 75 years old, in feeble health, and entirely unable to support herself by manual labor; also, that she has no property or income except a life interest in 40 acres of land, and that the income from the same is entirely insufficient to support and maintain her.

Your committee have reported a general bill to the House which, if passed, would give this applicant a pension. There are numerous precedents for the allowance of pensions by special act to the widows of the old Indian war soldiers, and as this claimant is shown to be deserving and needy, the passage of the bill for her relief is recommended, with an amendment to fill in the blank in the bill with the word "twelve," so as to fix the rate of pension at \$12 per month.

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