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## Report : Petition of H. Thompson

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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 19, 1844.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JARNAGIN made the following

**REPORT :**

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Thompson, praying a pension, have had the same under consideration, and agreed upon the following report :*

The petition states that the petitioner was born in 1757, and was the daughter of William Woodbury, who was killed at Fort George, fighting for his country in the French and Indian war, leaving a widow and five children—three boys and two girls. Of the boys it is said, the eldest died in the continental army, the second was taken prisoner and died in captivity, and the third lost his life on board the Essex man-of-war.

That petitioner was married to one Robert Fosset in 1776. That during the revolutionary war her husband was drafted, and, being in delicate health, hired a substitute, by paying the sum of forty pounds; and in the year 1785, she and her husband moved to Passamaquoddy, where he died in the fall of that year.

That in 1792 she was married to James Thompson, who was in 1805 drowned on a passage from Nova Scotia to Passamaquoddy, and from that time to this petitioner has remained a widow.

Her case falls not within the letter or spirit of any pension laws of the United States, and the committee see no principle on which a pension can be granted to her, not applicable to all unfortunate widows, for whom the Government cannot provide. The committee have therefore agreed upon the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted