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B. S. Roan

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The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9950) granting a pension, to B. S. Roan, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant, whose full name is Benjamin S. Roan, bases his application for a pension upon his service in the Florida Indian war of 1836. The records show two enlistments by claimant in that year, one in Capt. Thomas Wilson's company of Georgia Volunteers and the other in Capt. Benjamin F. Ward's company of Georgia Mounted Volunteers. The records fail to show that these two enlistments aggregated a period of service of over eleven days, but the claimant swears that he rendered actual service in Captain Wilson's company alone for two months and twenty-one days, and that he served in Captain Ward's company for fourteen days. He was honorably discharged from both organizations.

Jonathan Davis corroborates the claimant's statements relative to length of service in Captain Wilson's company. Davis's affidavit is substantially as follows: That he volunteered in 1836 in Butts County, Ga., for service with Capt. Thomas Wilson's Company in the Florida Indian war, and that Benjamin S. Roan (this claimant) was a private in the same company; that said company went from Butts to Hawkinsville, Ga., at which place a battalion was formed, and they then went to Black Creek, Fla., and he (witness) and Benjamin S. Roan were in said service about two months and twenty days.

Dr. J. B. Moble, of Fairburn, Ga., testifies that the claimant is about seventy-five years old and very feeble, being afflicted with asthma and dropsy, which have confined him to his bed most of the time for the past two years. He further testifies that the claimant has no property from which to derive a support.

The claimant's post-office address is Fairburn, Campbell County, Ga.

In view of the facts stated above, your committee recommend the passage of the bill; amended, however, so as to allow a pension of $12 per month.